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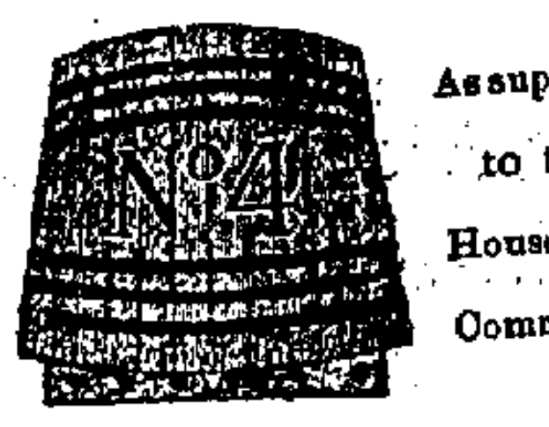

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SPORTING.

Hongkong Football Shield.

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This match in the second round of the competition took place yesterday on the Hongkong Club ground. It was watched by a large crowd, in which the military element predominated. In the early stages of play both goals were visited. About ten minutes after the start Watts secured and it was only a piece of luck which robbed the R.A. of a goal. Watts' shot had beaten the keeper all over, but the ball struck the corner of one up the uprights, travelled across the goal-line, and was eventually got away by Dare. Beasley, the R. A. goalie, was soon called upon by Tayler, while Dare also caused him to use his wits in effecting a clearance. About a yard outside the penalty area Tayler was brought down, and from the "free" Beasley tipped the ball over the bar. Brewster almost got through a moment later, but collided with one of the backs. After unsuccessful efforts had been made by Bellis and McFarlane, Barker took the ball along on the extreme left, passed it on to Brewster, who worked close in and beat Beasley all ends up. This was about half an hour after the start. The Buffs were soon back again, and Taylor was once more fouled close on the penalty line. Again Beasley put the leather over the bar, and McFarlane cleared from the corner kick. Brewster again tested Beasley with a beauty, and a corner against the R.A.'s followed. The ball was deposited into the net by Barker, who, however, was given off-side. Then the Artillerymen fought hard for a goal, but without success. Watts had two open chances, which he failed to turn to account; and soon the Buffs resumed their attack. Just before the interval Brewster made tracks for goal, and shot when about three yards out, but Beasley stopped the leather. Brewster, however, again got to the ball and netted, but off-side had been given, and the point was therefore disallowed. At half-time the Buffs led by one goal to nil.

The Buffs were seen attacking rather half-heartedly on play being reopened, but soon they warmed up, and Taylor, nicely gauging the length, sent in a pretty shot which forced Beasley to concede a corner. The R. A. left back cleared with a strong kick. The pressure was maintained, and Taylor brought Beasley to his knees to save a hot shot, relief being eventually brought by the ball being sent behind with a flying kick. Clever footwork by the Buffs inside left singled him out as the object against whom unfair tactics were used, but the leather was shot wide of the mark from the free-kick. The Artillery got down, but were weak in front of goal, and then the Buffs resumed the attack, Beasley being called upon to save several times in succession. A burst away by the R. A. outside right should have produced a goal, but he hung on to the ball too long, and was charged off by Bartlett. Several good attempts by the Artillery forwards brought no success, and on the stroke of time Taylor added a second point for the Buffs, who thus secured an entry into the semi-final.

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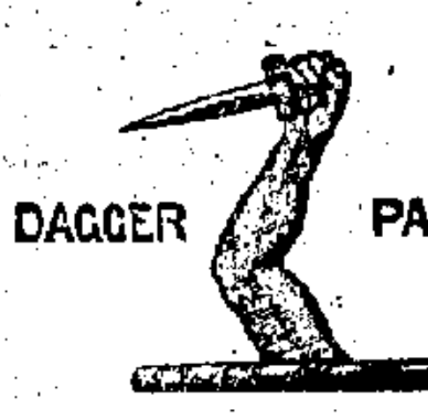

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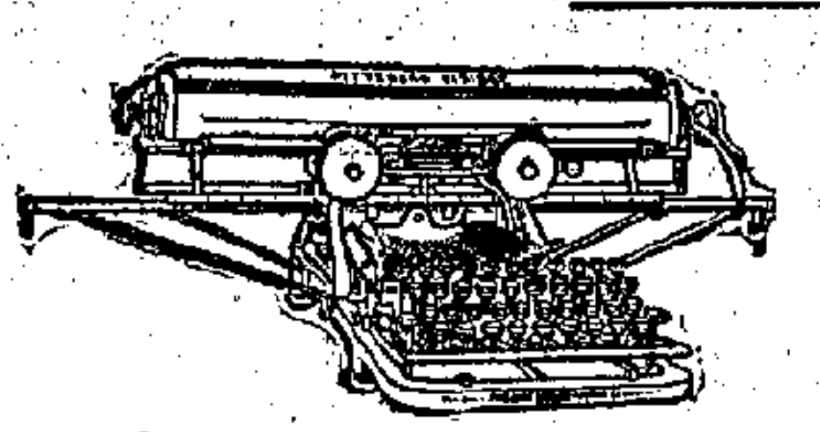

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M. Cordier recalled the fact that following the Portuguese, the Dutch made their first voyage to the Far East in 1597, establishing the Company of the Netherlands East Indies in 1602. From their factory in the island of Deshima, Japan, they exported not only Japanese products but also the merchandise of China, inundating Europe with Chinese porcelain. This porcelain was known in the Middle Ages. Arab merchants carried it as far as the coast of Africa, where fragments have been found at Madagascar and upon the coast of the Somalis; it is found, too, among the presents sent by the Egyptian Sultans to the sovereigns of Europe. Marco Polo speaks of the porcelain made at Zayton in Fuhkien, and an incense burner said to have belonged to the Venetian traveller is found in the Louvre Museum at Paris. It is an octagon in white porcelain from Fuhkien and of the epoch of the Sung dynasty. After exporting the porcelain sold on the market of the Far East, the Dutch, imitated by others, ordered special decorations. Manufactured at Kin-in-chen, in Kiang-si, the porcelain was generally painted at Canton. There is, for example, in the Grandidier collection a large dish of porcelain having at the bottom the boat Vryburg, commanded by Capt. Jacob Ryyik in China in 1756. Usually only the arms of the destinator were painted on the bottom of the plate or on the side of the vase. The missionaries followed the example of the Company of the Indies; in the Guimet Museum at Sevres can be seen dishes, saucers, and cups ornamented with pictures done in white and black, and touched up with gold of portraits of saints, religious scenes, the baptism of Christ, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, &c. Occasionally subjects were chosen the reverse of edifying, and these find a place in the "enfers" collections. The Chinese also executed statuettes of Europeans and of horsemen; for instance, there is in the Guimet Museum a Dutchman, in the attitude of the Kuang Yin divinity, in porcelain of Fuhkien.

Chinese decoration not being always to the taste of the amateur, recourse was had to the process of double-decoration—that is to say, European accessories were added to the Chinese decoration. From Delft, where this industry started, it spread through various countries of Europe, to Saxony, and Venice. The museum of Sevres possesses a porcelain cup, surdecorated about 1740, at the manufactory of Chelsea; and at Sevres itself 1775 applications of gold in relief were made upon Chinese porcelain. Then it was found more simple still to obtain the white porcelain and decorate it here. Later attempts were made to imitate the porcelain; at least, local products were decorated with subjects representing Chinese personages. Delft was a great centre of this manufacture, and other makes include those of Chelsea and Worcester in England. In France the industry was extremely prosperous, and it spread throughout the entire country. Models were furnished. Jean-Antoine Fraisse drew and engraved in 1734 for Chantilly 53 copper-plates under the title of "Book of Chinese designs, drawn from the originals of Persia, India, China, and Japan," which appeared at Paris. Buc'hoz gave a hundred plates representing in colours a hundred plants of China which formed the first part of a collection "of the most beautiful and most curious flowers which grow both in the gardens of China and of Europe," "a work," says the author, "useful alike to naturalists, florists, painters, artists, directors of manufactures in porcelain, pottery, and in silk, woollen, and cotton cloth." The manufacturers did not attempt to deceive as to the origin of their products. In their turn the Chinese also imitated the porcelains of Europe, and the lecturer noted at Sevres a Chinese copy of a piece from Saint-Cloud; they even reproduced upon Canton enamel European pictures.

Continuing, M. Cordier pointed out that before they definitely established their commerce at Canton in the middle of the seventeenth century, the English obtained their Chinese products from their base in Japan, which only had a short existence. They succeeded, however, in establishing themselves at the entrance of the Persian Gulf, at Gombrun, which became later Bender-Abbas; it was from this port they exported the porcelain known under the name of Gombrun ware, manufactured at Ispahan by Chinese potters invited by the Persian sovereign. But the English were above all, the great propagators of tea. The earliest mention of this plant in the archives of the East India Company is found in a letter of R. Wickham, an agent at Firando, Japan, who wrote on June 27, 1616, to Mr Eaton at Miaco to ask for "a pot of the best sort of *chiaw*." This name of *tch a*, given to tea, is that which the Russians, who got it through the north, have preserved in calling it, together with the Greeks, *tsai*; the name *tch'a* of the same plant in Japan indicates that the Japanese, in spite of their numerous relations with Fuhkien, received their knowledge of tea through Northern China, probably through Korea. Tea has come to other Westerners with the pronounciation *té* in use in the province of Fuhkien, where it grows in abundance. Tea was imported by England in the middle of the 18th century, and Pepys, Secretary to the Admiralty, remarks in his Journal on Sept. 22, 1660: "I have sent out to get a cup of tee (a Chinese drink) of which I have never before drink." During the entire second half of the 17th century brochures appear in abundance vaunting the qualities of the Chinese plant. It was not, however, until the 18th century that tea was definitely adopted in Europe.

Among the first painters who sacrificed to the taste for Chinese art was the illustrious Antoine Watteau, who painted various Chinese and Tartar figures for the King's cabinet at the castle of Muette. [illegible] followed the example of the [illegible] and Chinese subjects [illegible]

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 27, 1909. 129

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the above mentioned Company will be held at its registered Office Nos. 9 to 17, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY the 26th day of February, 1909, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following Resolutions:—

"1. That the capital of the Company be increased to $1,000,000 by the creation of 8,000 additional shares of $50 each ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares in the Company.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. MOONEY,
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Hongkong, February 13, 1909. 228

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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 13, 1909. 222

HONGKONG ICE CO., LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the General Managers at 12.30 p.m., on SATURDAY, 27th instant, to receive a statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1908, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th inst. to the 27th inst., both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.,
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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

THE FORTIETH MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 4th March, 1909, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

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Sir Frederick Treves, presiding at the fifth annual dinner of the Old Grammarians of Dorchester, in proposing the toast of "The School," said that dinners of that kind should be encouraged, not only in Dorset, but in every other county in the country, for such meetings promoted genuine patriotism, the flame of which was becoming rather dim in the country, and helped to keep alive a love for the country and pride in one's own country and the cherished associations of the past. Those who had seen the effect of the Shinto worship in Japan would realise what effect it had had upon the moral status, the courage, and the patriotism of the Japanese. The world was becoming too cosmopolitan, and native individuality, distinctive individuality, distinctive characteristics, were gradually vanishing, even as old landmarks of much interest were disappearing rapidly.

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Says the *L. and C.* Express, the railway question in China is one that must prove of considerable interest to both Europeans and Chinese. There are not a few well-informed persons in the Far East who believe that China will, now she has acquired the Pei-Han (Luhan) line, next proceed to regain the other railways if she can arrange the finance. Viewing recent tendencies and the terms China seems to expect, this may not be as easy for her as in the past. Most anticipate that the next railway to be acquired will be the French one to Yunnan-fu. It is believed there will be no great reluctance on the part of the French to cede it on terms. Railways have caught on wonderfully in China, and their success seems to have induced the Chinese to believe they can do anything in such matters. Hitherto foreign control succeeding foreign construction has been the key of success. China is profiting, but she should recognise she is not yet in a position either her to construct her own railways to the best advantage or to work them when so constructed. The Kalgan line built—fairly well, it is true, but very slowly—under Chinese engineers trained in the British school, is not sufficient to point to. China had better recognise for the next decade or two that the internal communications of the country, which are being gradually so greatly improved by the construction of railways, will be best advanced by following the methods that have so far conduced to success. She needs foreign money, foreign direction, and foreign accountancy to ensure continued success in construction and working. Recent borrowings have indicated that the day of foreign control is passing—a legitimate endeavour if China had earned the position to succeed in the work. If China pursues these methods, she may find that the foreign investor will not be so liberal as he has been in the past.

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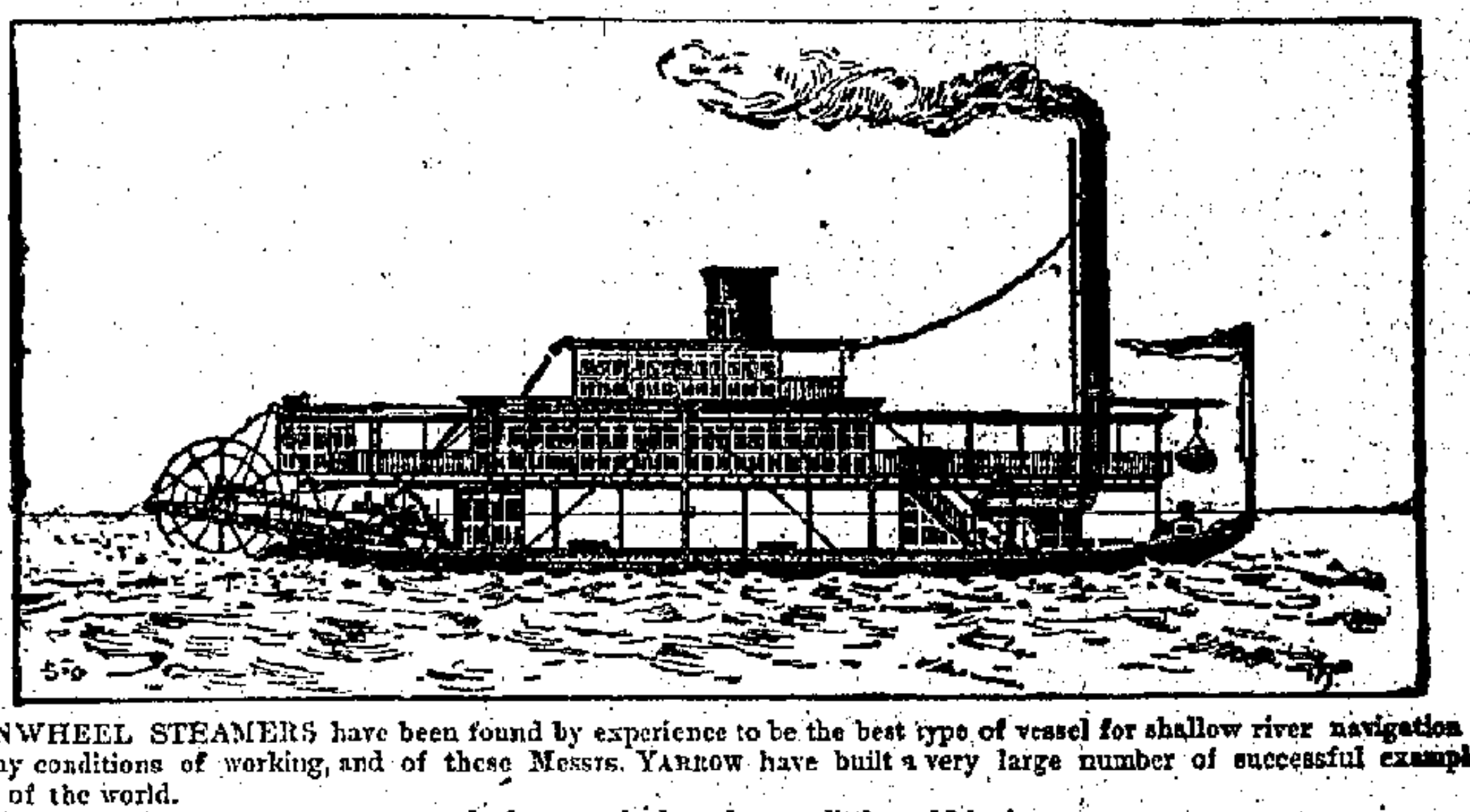

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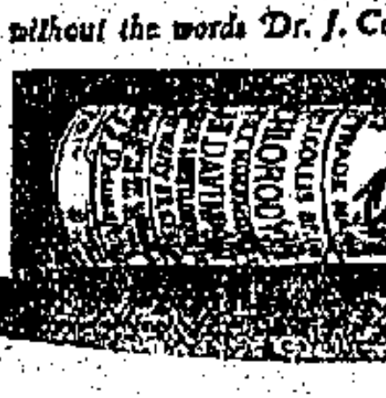

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A. R. MARTY.
Hongkong, February 11, 1909. 213

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NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS will be received by the Undersigned up to the 31st March, 1909, for the Post of ACTING STEWARD to the above Club for six months from the 1st May, 1909.

Applicants should be unmarried as residence on the Club Premises is essential.

By Order,
JAMES CRAIK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 11, 1909. 205

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Sinking Fund Account	45,907	5	3
	£18,114,624	11	1
Revenue Fire Branch...	2,280,652	13	7
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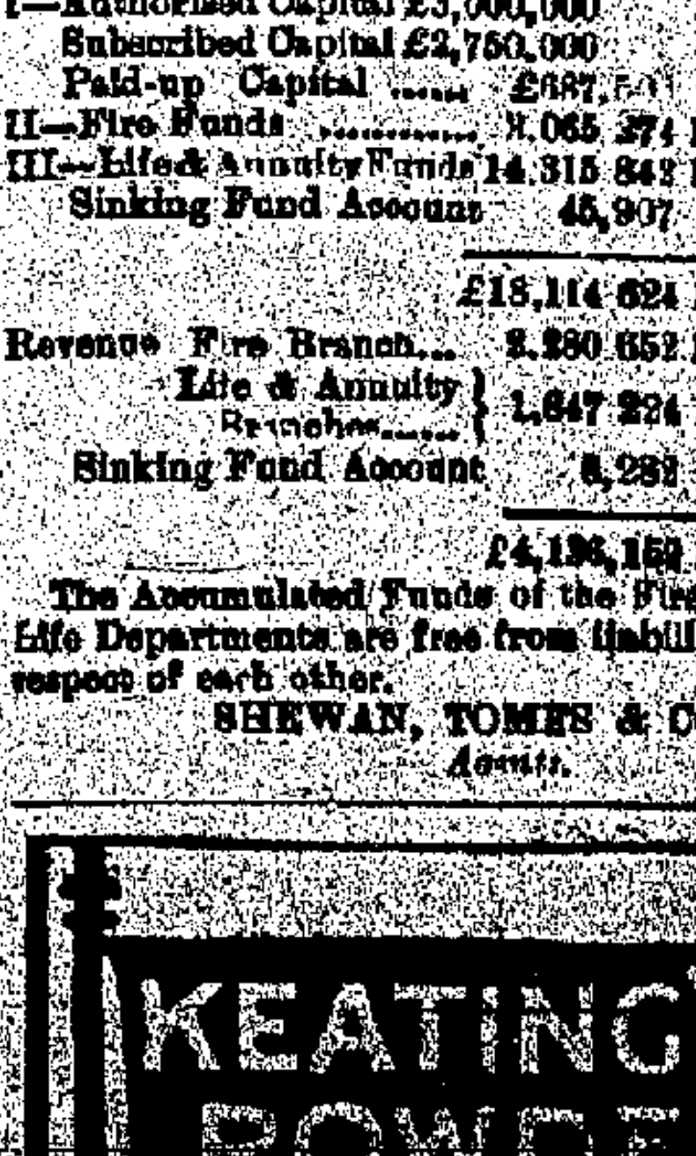

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MEMOS FOR MONDAY.

Auctions.

11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at Mr E. Ralphs' residence, Craigmin West, Magazine Gap.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Porcelain, &c., at Mr Geo. P. Lammert's Sales Rooms.

Meeting.

Noon—Meeting of Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., at Co.'s Offices.

Tender Closes.

Noon—Tenders for the supply of Provisions will be received by Head Quarter Offices, Victoria Barracks.

Amusements.

9.15 p.m.—Choir Concert at City Hall.

Miscellaneous

Goods per *Tourane* unclaimed after this date at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

Goods per *Banca* not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, February 23:—

10.30 a.m.—Auction of Messrs Jay's Whole Stock-in-Trade at No. 14, Des Vœux Road.

11 a.m.—Tenders for Government Bills received by Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department.

Transfer Books of Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ld., close from this date to 27th Feb, inclusive.

WEDNESDAY, February 24:—

2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at Mr H. Humphreys' residence, 'Abertholwyn,' Peak Road.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at No. 14, Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon.

3 p.m.—Auction of Ponies opposite the City Hall.

Goods per *Vorwaerts* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, February 25:—

11 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at Seaview (east end of Kennedy Road).

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Jewellery, &c., at Mr Geo. P. Lammert's Sales Rooms.

FRIDAY, February 26:—

11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furnitures, &c., at No. 34, Morrison Hill Road.

Noon—Tenders for the supply of Provisions will be received by Deputy Victualling Store Office, H.M. Naval Yard.

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Hotel Co., Ld., at Co.'s Hotel.

Goods per *Montrose* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Flintshire* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Manchuria* undelivered at noon on this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, February 27:—

Noon—Meeting of Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ld., at Co.'s Office.

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Ice Co., Ld., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson Co.'s Office.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

NOTICE.

Communications relating to news should be addressed to THE EDITOR.

Letters relating to business should be addressed to THE MANAGER.

Correspondents must forward their names and addresses with any communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication but as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

No anonymously signed communications that have already appeared in other papers will be inserted.

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Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1909.

TOO MANY EGGS IN ONE BASKET.

AT the time when Great Britain launched out on her present policy of building vessels of the Dreadnought class there were not wanting critics who contended that we were making a great mistake in putting too many eggs into one basket. They held that we should be better served were we to build two Lord Nelsons than one Dreadnought. They brought forth figures to prove the strength of their contention, but the Admiralty, having the great force of public opinion behind it, did not swerve from its course and gradually the voices of the adverse critics were silenced, though we will not say that they were convinced. For better or worse we are pledged to building a fleet of Dreadnoughts and we must leave to time the task of proving whether we are right or wrong in our calculations. A very similar question has just arisen in Germany, where Vice-Admiral GALSTER is strongly urging a modification of the present German shipbuilding programme. His proposal amounts to this, that Germany should cease building warships of the Dreadnought type until she is able to learn by experience whether their value is equivalent to their enormous cost, and also whether it is advisable to stake so much on single ships. Vice-Admiral GALSTER therefore suggests that the construction of battleships of the Dreadnought class should be suspended for two or three years, until definite results from the experience gained by the first four already launched, as well as by the performances of battleships of the same type built by other countries, enable the German Admiralty to decide whether or not this type is suitable to Germany's needs.

"What," asks Vice-Admiral GALSTER, "does the German empire gain by building seven or ten battleships at a cost of £2,000,000 each after plans which may subsequently turn out to be defective? Existing Navy Acts ought not to compel us to carry out an unreasonable policy. The sudden increase in displacement from 13,000 to 19,000 tons, entirely new armaments, and many other constructive alterations have produced innovations regarding which we have no experience."

By way of emphasising his arguments against Dreadnoughts, Vice-Admiral GALSTER referred to the German battleships of the Kaiser class, which, after completion and several years' service, had to be completely reconstructed because so many defects had become evident in them. He further gives expression to the fear that Germany might have the same experience with her Dreadnoughts. Forestalling the objections of those who are convinced that a German fleet of battleships must be built with all possible speed, Vice-Admiral GALSTER argues that, in case of war against a superior maritime power, a naval guerilla warfare conducted by torpedo-boats, submarines, and floating mines will be far more effective than the operations of battleships.

"It is more important," he declares, "that torpedo-boats, submarines, and floating mines should be ready for use than that a battleship fleet should be ready for action. Relying on the efficiency of these 'small warfare' weapons, we could face a naval war against every naval Power with perfect confidence. Our battleship fleet, which, even in its present size, is no longer a negligible quantity, we should have as a reserve force."

These heterodox proposals naturally provoked many protests from German naval men. The new Imperialist weekly review, *Das Deutsche Volk*, edited by Herr HERMANN HILLGER, opened the campaign against Vice-Admiral GALSTER by publishing an elaborate demonstration that Germany must build battleships of the largest existing type, otherwise her naval aspirations will be doomed to disappointment. Admiral von BENDEMANN, Vice-Admiral STIEGE, and many other naval experts also expressed emphatic disapproval of Vice-Admiral GALSTER's ideas.

But the latter maintains his standpoint, and supports his proposals by new arguments. He writes:—"The addition of the submarine to other means of naval 'small warfare' has given such methods of naval warfare an importance which could not be foreseen ten years ago, when the Navy Act was passed. The results achieved in foreign manœuvres prove the high value of the submarine for both defensive and offensive purposes. Submarines with a radius of action varying from 2000-3000 miles are now being constructed by France. Austria-Hungary, determined to find the best type of submarine, is now constructing six different types. Denmark intends to order 40 submarines. England possesses 55, and will soon have 70. All countries are constructing submarines. It can be foreseen that submarines will produce revolutionary changes in naval warfare. We must look forward to using submarines not only near our own coasts, but also near hostile ports, and even in favourable circumstances inside hostile ports. Submarines will also be used in narrow straits, but not on the high seas."

NAPOLEON declared on a famous occasion that providence was on the side of the big battalions and judging by the present state of public opinion, Germany will be more likely to take the side of the advocates of a Dreadnought building policy than to range herself with Vice-Admiral GALSTER, despite all the sound commonsense theories which he adduces in support of his argument. It is deplorable no doubt that two of the principal nations of Europe should be forced to take part in such a display of expensive rivalry, but as both believe in the truth of the Biblical axiom that "a strong man armed keepeth his house," we do not see that any other policy is open to them at present; nor can we yet discern whether the critics will be found to be right in their assertions concerning too many eggs being crowded into one basket.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Monday is the anniversary in America of George Washington's birthday.

The English Mail of the 23rd January was delivered in London on the 19th inst.

The Lower House of the Japanese Diet has passed the Budget with some modifications.

Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday and Wednesday is therefore Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

By a regulation made by His Excellency the Governor the transmission by post of opium, morphia, morphine, and cocaine is prohibited.

The death is announced in England of Mr G. Harrisson who was formerly chief inspector of the Old Oriental Bank Mr Harrison was 73 years of age.

A native was fined $50, at the Magistracy, to-day, for infringing the rights of the Postmaster General by bringing letters into the Colony.

Several pages in the *Gazette* are devoted to the publication, for general information, of alterations made in the general rules as to appeals to the Privy Council.

It is announced in the *Gazette* that His Excellency the Governor-in-Council has selected Lot No. 639 Survey District 5 as a sufficient and proper place for use as a burial ground by the Chinese.

Mr Buchanan, Special Commissioner of the United States to Venezuela, has signed a Protocol with President Gomes for the settlement of all outstanding difficulties between the two countries.

The Japanese officials engaged in communication work have invented wireless telegraphic instruments which enable them to establish communication over distances of 400 miles by day and 2,000 by night.

Der Ostasiatische Lloyd learns that France has declared that she will reduce the number of her troops in North China. She contemplates, however, rather a formal reduction than a substantial one. Only the third skeleton battalion will be disbanded; the men of this battalion, who have been sent home, have never been replaced by others. Besides Major Laribe, two captains, one surgeon, a few non-commissioned officers and forty men will go home, so that two French battalions of infantry and one battery of artillery under the command of a general will remain in Peking and Tientsin.

With the death of Senhor Antonio J. Dinis an old resident of Shanghai has passed away and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank loses a member of its Staff who had served it well and faithfully for forty-one years. Senhor Dinis was born in Macao in 1841 and arrived in Shanghai on May 29, 1861. After a brief term of service with the *North-China Herald*, he joined the firm of Messrs Smith, Kennedy and Company, with whom he remained for six years, until they went out of business. In January, 1868, Senhor Dinis entered the service of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, working at the Hankow Office with Mr John Walter during the tea season.

IF you are weak, tired, nervous or run-down, the best thing you can take to recuperate your debilitated system is [illegible] Wine of Cod Liver Oil. No other cod liver oil preparation gives [illegible] and none so [illegible] to take. [illegible]

AGAINST THE MILITARY AIRSHIP.

A NEW GUN.

(*From Our Own Correspondent.*)

LONDON, February 20.

A Berlin message states that Messrs Krupps have constructed a 6.5 centimetre gun designed for use against airships.

AN ANGLO-CHINESE AGREEMENT.

TANG SHAO-YI'S MISSION.

(*From Our Own Correspondent*).

LONDON, February 20.

The *Birmingham Post* states on excellent authority that His Excellency Tang Shao-yi's mission has resulted in the most successful provisional agreement on Anglo-Chinese questions yet reached, and that Sir Edward Grey is now telegraphing the correspondence to Peking with the object of expediting its confirmation.

CHINESE MILITARY ATTACHES.

(*Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.*)

PEKING, February 19.

The Board of Foreign Affairs and the Military Board are jointly considering the idea of sending more military attaches to the Chinese Legations abroad.

PREPARING FOR A CONSTITUTION.

(*Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.*)

Peking, February 19.

The Government has issued an order to all the Provinces that county institutions must be established in order to make preparation for the coming Constitution.

CHINESE ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM.

(*Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.*)

PEKING, February 19.

The Acting President of the Board of Communications proposes that the railways, telegraphs, and posts should each be under the care of separate officials who shall be solely responsible for them.

CHINESE PROVINCIAL LAW COLLEGES.

(*Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.*)

PEKING, February 19.

The Board of Education is sending out officials to enquire into the condition of the various law colleges in the Provinces.

Brother Stephen, who was connected with St. Joseph's College for 11 years, is returning to the Colony by the Kutsang, due on Tuesday, 23rd inst.

SOMETHING GOOD.

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FISCAL REFORM.

LIVELY DISCUSSION IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

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LONDON, February 19.

After a debate on Irish affairs in the House of Commons a lively discussion ensued on an amendment to the address moved by Mr Austen Chamberlain on the subject of fiscal reform, and which was unexpectedly given preference over the Irish amendment. The debate stood adjourned.

THE PERSIAN SITUATION.

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LONDON, February 19.

Reuter's Teheran correspondent states that the situation is causing apprehension. There have been disorders in Teheran, and one Legation has issued a warning circular to its subjects.

THE TROUBLE IN THE BALKANS.

SITUATION REGARDED AS SERIOUS.

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LONDON, February 19.

In St. Petersburg a most serious view is taken of the Austria-Servian situation. Several war correspondents have started for the Balkans.

LONDON, February 20.

Reuter learns that there is nothing to warrant the alarming rumours to the effect that a storm is brewing in the Balkans as the result of the Austrian ultimatum to Servia wherewith the newspapers are filled.

ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS.

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LONDON, February 19.

The Corporation of London has invited the Burgomasters of Berlin and Charlottenburg to visit the Metropolis as their guests.

NEW ATLANTIC RECORD.

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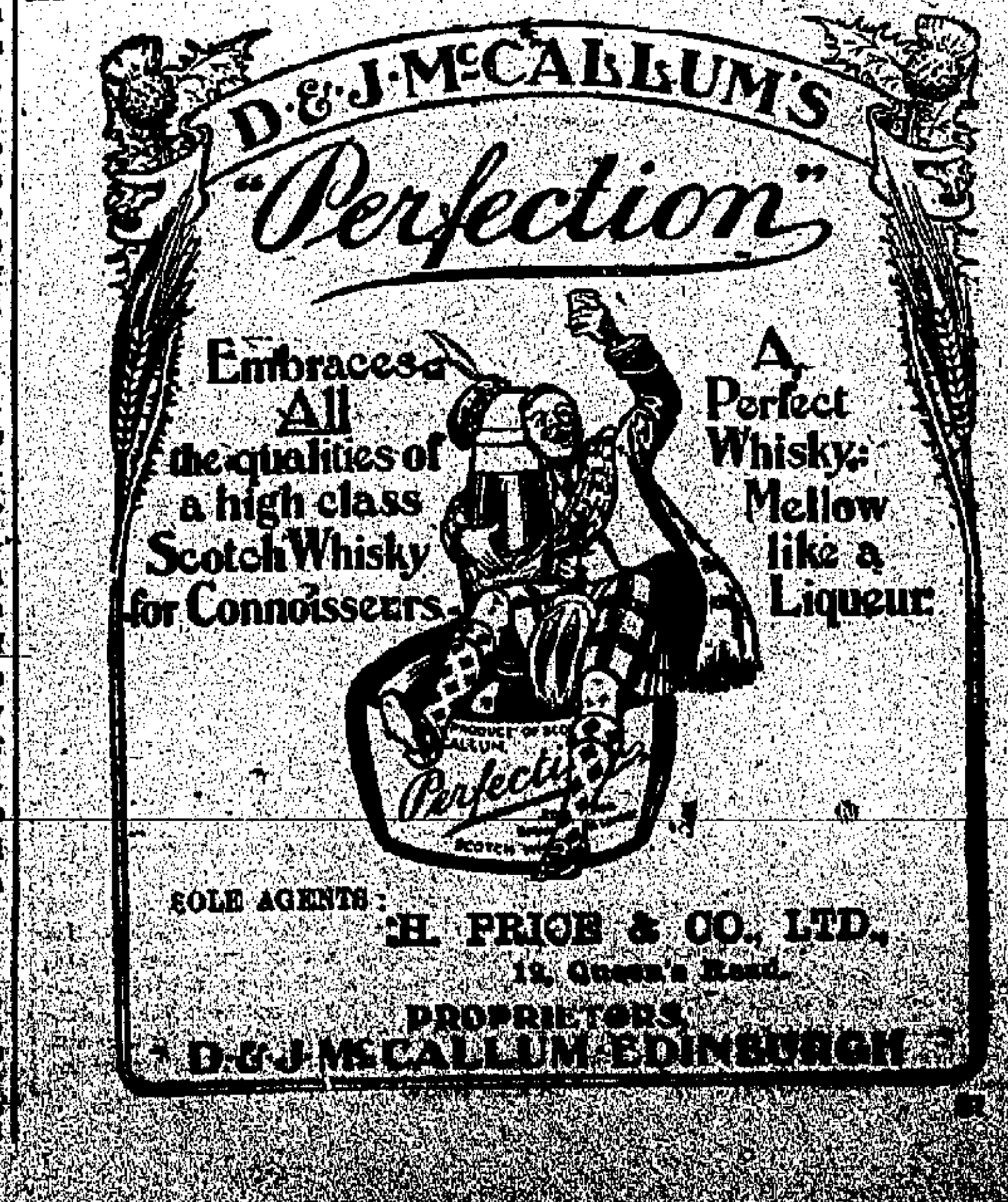
LONDON, February 20.

A New York message states that the liner Mauretania has created a new record across the Atlantic, covering the long course in 4 days, 17 hours, 50 minutes, this being 106 minutes better than the Lusitania's record. The best day's run was 671 knots.

HOW A SOUTH AMERICAN MERCHANT WARDED OFF AN ATTACK OF PNEUMONIA.

THERE is always cause for alarm when a severe cold is accompanied by pain in the chest. Mr H. L. La Grange, who is manager of a store at Jansenville, C.O., believes Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is better than the prescription of a physician. He says: "I had a boy in my employ who had been suffering from cold and a pain in the chest, and got so bad he had to go to bed. I had the doctor attend him and used several other remedies, but he got no better. I finally tried Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and in a short time he was up and about his work." We sell lots of it in the store. For sale by all chemists and storekeepers.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HONGKONG RACE MEETING.

THE OFF DAY.

To-day has been the off-day at the Racecourse. The weather was unfavourable, and there was a touch of cold in the air which was in marked contrast to the conditions prevailing on the Race days proper. A large crowd put in an appearance at 2 o'clock, when the first of the five races on the card was started, and as on previous days excitement ran high as the programme continued. It was the chance of the former non-winning ponies, who in many instances showed up remarkably well, their being several close finishes witnessed. Everything went off with the usual smoothness, and the successful conclusion of the 1909 meeting adds another eloquent tribute to the organising capabilities of the body of sportsmen on whom the official duties fell.

THE "LUCKY" CUP.—Value $250. Presented. For all Subscription Griffins that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race. *Half a Mile.*

Sir Joseph	(Mr Dupree)	1
Shaun Aboo	(Mr Heathcote)	2
Dunkerry	(Mr Gresson)	3

Time: 1 m. 01⅗ secs.

Pari-mutuel: winner $27.00; Placings, 1st. $9.70; 2nd, $7.52; 3rd, $4.20; Cash sweeps, $683.65; $195.30; $97.65.

THE "LITTLE GEM" CUP.—Presented. For all Griffins that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race. *From the Two Mile Post Once Round and in.*

Garth	(Mr Gresson)	1
Strathdallas	(Mr Vida)	2

Time: 2 m. 24⅗ secs.

Pari-mutuel: winner $8.10. Placings, 1st. $7.70; Cash sweeps, $1532.25; $510.75.

THE VISITORS' CUP.—Value $250. Presented. For all China Ponies that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race. Off-day Winners barred. *One Mile and a quarter.*

Coxcomb	(Mr Dupree)	1
Astral...	(Mr May)	2

Time: 2 m. 40⅗ secs.

Pari-mutuel: winner $6.40. Placings, 1st. $6.50; Cash sweeps $1687.60; $562.50.

THE "BARRY" CUP.—Presented. For Subscription Griffins of this season that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race. Off-day Winners barred. *One Mile.*

Tamar	(Mr Vida)	1
Shun Aboo	(Mr Heathcote)	2
Lyemun...	(Owner)	3

Time, 2 m. 10⅗ sec.

Pari-mutuel: Winner, $12.60; Placings, 1st, $5.80; 2nd, $15.70; 3rd, $6; Cash sweeps, $1934.10; $552.60; $276.70.

THE "ROSE" CUP.—Presented For all China Ponies that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race. *Seven Furlongs.*

Poseidon	(Mr Schnorr)	1
Kingston	(Mr Vida)	2
Game Chick		3

Time: 1 m. 51⅗ sec.

Pari-mutuel: Winner $97.10; Placings 1st $21; 2nd $9.50; 3rd $21; Cash sweeps $2171.80; $622.80; $311.40.

"A COUNTRY GIRL."

The revival by the Hongkong A. D. C. of "A Country Girl," in honour of the Shanghai visitors to the races, was a most gratifying success. A large audience filled the Theatre Royal on Friday evening and so satisfied were they with the performance that encores became the order of the night, with the result that half past twelve had struck ere the curtain finally descended on the gay and animated scene. Only one change has taken place in the principals since the musical comedy was first presented locally, Mrs H. A. Stewart having returned to Yokohama, and her part was admirably filled by Mrs Gilby. She threw into the character of Nan the most delicious light-hearted abandon possible, and quickly sang and danced herself into the affections of the house. Mr Lammert as Geoffrey Challoner, Mr H. P. White as the Rajah of Bhong; Mrs W. Logan as Marjorie Joy, Miss P. Seth as the Princess, Lieut Com. Dickens as Sir Joseph Verity, and Mr W. G. Worcester as Barry, more than lived up to their past reputations. Barry, of course, was the life and soul of the piece, whether in naval uniform or disguised in an Umpire dress with a What-ho pleat, and his topical gags and local allusions never failed to tickle an appreciative house. The Rajah also managed to introduce such recondite subjects as the Hongkong Race Meeting, the Shanghai visitors, the luck of the pari-mutuel, etc., into his songs and dialogue, and was thrice encored in consequence. The dances, as usual, were very delightful and each had to be repeated.

DEATH OF MR HAVER DROEZE.

His many friends in Hongkong will regret to hear of the death at Dordrecht in Jan. of Mr F. J. Haver Droeze, who filled most acceptably the post of Consul-General for the Netherlands at Hongkong for a long series of years. Going home over a year ago in ill-health, Mr Droeze was offered and accepted the post of Minister at Peking, a unique occurrence in the Dutch consular service. Mr Droeze first came to Hongkong in 1896 and soon won a host of friends besides making a mark in his country's service.

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COMPANY MEETING.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was held at the City Hall, at noon, to-day.

Mr E. Shellim presided and there were present, Hon Mr W. J. Gresson, Messrs E. G. Barrett, G. Friesland, C. S. Gubbay, W. Helms, R. Shewan, H. A. Siebs and the Hon Mr H. A. W. Slade, directors, Messrs George Murray Bain, Ellis Kadoorie, J. C. Peter J. A. Jupp, J. W. C. Bonnar, T. Findlay Smith, W. E. Clarke, Hutton Potts, Dr J. W. Noble, T. Hough, G. del Castello, J. Barton, T. Skinner, W. Dunbar, Ho Kum-tong, Ho Fook, F. Maitland, E. H. Hinds, E. C. Lane, J. M. E. Machado, W. H. Wikham, Murray Stowart, N. Mody, Capt C. V. Lloyd, E. F. Mackay, J. Cox-Edwards, A. F. Warrack, Lau Pun Chin, C. Pemberton, Lo Cheung Kim, E. D. Haskell, Wong Leung Heim, John Barton, H. C. Jones, D. J. H. Sanders, W. Taylor, D. Tchdow, H. M. H. Neinezee, F. H. Thomas, A. G. Stephen, F. G. Carroll, J. R. M. Smith, chief manager, and others.

The Chief Manager read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman having read the report, already published, said:—Gentlemen, before proceeding to discuss the report and accounts I have to refer with deep regret to the great loss sustained by the Bank through the death of Sir Ewen Cameron. The high tribute paid to his services by the chairman in 1905, when prolonged illness led to his enforced retirement from active duty, will not be forgotten (applause.) Although in failing health, he continued up to the day of his death to take the keenest interest in all that concerned the Bank and as a member of the London Consulting Committee was ever ready to give to the management the benefit of his ripe judgment and varied experience of men and affairs. By his death the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank loses a wise and able counsellor and one whose name will always occupy a prominent place in its history. I have also to express on my own behalf and on that of my colleagues on the Board our sorrow at the untimely death of Mr C. G. R. Brodersen, who had been a director for a short period only but long enough to prove himself a valuable member of the Board and to earn our esteem. (Renewed applause.) Turning now to the accounts, you will see that the result of the half year's working including $2 005,774.81 carried over from the previous six months, leaves the sum of $5,629,125.65 available for distribution and I hope you will approve of a dividend of £2 per share, a bonus of 5/- per share, $5 lacs added to silver reserve fund, and about $20 lacs carried forward as recommended by your directors. Despite all we have heard about dull and restricted trade the Bank has had a good half year and it is a great pleasure to the Board to be in a position to recommend a bonus of 5/- per share in addition to the usual dividend. I need hardly say that these results testify to the manner in which the staff, from the chief manager downwards, continue to work in the interests of the Bank and I am sure that you will approve the action of your directors in voting, as a mark of appreciation, a bonus of 10 % on salaries. (Applause.)

Comparing the statement of assets and liabilities with that of six months ago you will notice an all round increase in the figures. Chinese New Year fell on January the 22nd, and its near approach, when money is always in special demand, accounts for the increase of some $35 lacs in the note circulation. Deposits show the large increase of about $43 millions. Of this increase gold deposits account for nearly $31 millions and although the lower rate of exchange on the 31st December last is responsible for a greater amount expressed in dollars still in sterling the increase is £2,400,000, which being mainly due to the proceeds of recently issued public loans, that have not yet been drawn from our London Office, can only be considered as temporary. In the increase of $12 millions in the silver deposits may be seen a reflection of restricted trade, as a great proportion of such increase no doubt represents accumulation of capital waiting for a trade revival. You will readily understand that some difficulty was experienced in finding remunerative employment during the half year for this large increase in the amount of money entrusted to the Bank's keeping. Bills payable show an increase of $30 lacs. On the other side, the amount of dollars deposited with the Hongkong Government is raised from $10,000,000 to $13,000,000. Cash, and bullion in hand and in transit, are higher by about $48 lacs. Bills discounted, loans and credits have increased by $10 millions and bills receivable by $27 millions. Consols, colonial, and other securities show an increase of $48 lacs, due to temporary investments on account of the increased resources already referred to.

In China the period under review has been one of great moment. The almost simultaneous deaths of the Emperor and the Empress Dowager, whose influence over the destinies of China has made itself felt for a long period of years, and the accession of an infant to the throne with his father as Prince Regent, are events which have occurred, fortunately, without the peace of the land being disturbed. Let us hope that under the new regime many of the more urgently needed reforms will be inaugurated and carried into effect and that fresh developments of the Empire's vast potential resources may give a new impetus to the national prosperity and increasingly promote the well being of the people. (Applause.)

Favourable crops in India have stimulated exports and the recuperative power of the country is again manifesting itself. After a period of anxiety, due to curtailed applications for allotment, it is satisfactory to note an increasing demand in London for remittances to India by Council bills, and futher evidence of returning prosperity is to be found in the continued demand for Bar Silver. The continuance of the Indian demand displaying as it does a remarkable capacity for absorbing silver independently of Government requirements has been at once the chief feature and the principal support of the silver market; not however without encouraging new speculative tendencies which result in keeping the market in a highly sensitive state rendering it liable to frequent fluctuations and producing an unsettling effect upon the China trade.

Although I cannot say that trade in the Far East during the past six months has been altogether satisfactory, yet the hopeful view of the prospects taken at out last meeting has, I think, been justified. A healthier tone is noticeable, business generally is on a sounder basis, stocks of imports are gradually being reduced and crops have been good. Renewed commercial activity has sprung up throughout America while in Europe money continues plentiful and cheap. Thus the time seems ripe for a return to prosperity, and the commencement of a new period of expansion in trade. (Loud applause.)

Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may put to the chair.

There being no questions the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts as presented.

Mr C. H. Ross seconded and said:—Gentlemen—It affords me considerable pleasure to second the report and accounts which have just been presented for your acceptance. The chairman's reference to the loss we have sustained through the much-to-be regretted death of Sir Ewen Cameron, and the acknowledgment of the valuable and practically lifelong service which he rendered to the Bank, will, I feel sure, be appreciated by all shareholders present and absent. (Applause). The accounts presented, gentlemen, do not seem to me to require any comment,—they appear satisfactory,—eminently so,—and I think we are to be congratulated on the very excellent results of the past half year's working which our directors have to-day presented. If this be the result of a half year of dull and restricted trade, what indeed may be expected when the tide of prosperity again flows in the Far East. (Loud applause.) A brief reference was made by the Chairman to changes which have taken place in Peking during the past few months,—changes which, as the Chairman remarked, are of great moment. The disappearance of that commanding personality, the great Empress-Dowager, from the autocratic position which she had held for such a long period, —the death of the Emperor Kwang-Hsu, and the accession to the throne of an Infant,—are events indeed, which for good or ill must affect the Empire with which our interests are so closely connected. Happily, the peace of the land has not been disturbed, and the changes consequent on the commencement of this new reign, appear to be taking place in a quiet, orderly and commonsense manner. The Regent, Prince Chun, who will hold the helm of State for many years to come, has the inestimable advantage, which I believe no other Chinese Ruler of modern times has ever possessed, of having travelled beyond the limit of the Empire and visited foreiggn countries. It may be presumed therefore that his horizon is not altogether limited to the sphere within the walls of the Forbidden City and the Summer Palace, and I cannot help thinking that this knowledge of the outside world must be of great value to the country which he rules. I trust therefore that the Empire in which all of us have such great and important interests may be entering upon a new and prolonged period of prosperity, and that slow but sure progress may be made with the many reforms which are so urgently needed. (Applause.) Gentlemen, results such as have to-day been presented for your acceptance and approval, can only be brought about by hard work and good judgment, our thanks are therefore surely due to the Chief Manager and the staff who have achieved for us these spendid earnings, and I feel sure that you will all most cordially approve of the bonus to the staff which has been voted by the directors. (Applause.) Gentlemen, I have very great pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts as presented to you to-day. (Applause).

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr A. Findlay Smith proposed that the election of Mr H. A. Siebs as a director be confirmed and that Mr R. Shewan, Mr E. Shellim and the Hon. Mr H. A. W. Slade be re-elected directors.

Mr John A. Jupp seconded and the motion was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr E. F. Mackay seconded by Mr G. Murray Bain, Mr W. Hutton Potts and Mr J. W. C. Bonnar were re-elected auditors.

The Chairman:—That is all the business, gentlemen; thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday.

Capt. C. V. Lloyd said:—Gentlemen—As almost, if not quite, the oldest constituent of the Bank in the East, it seems not inappropriate that it should fall to my lot to say a few words to-day in recognition of the splendid services of our Board of Directors; what those are you have already seen in the report which is now in your hands, and no eulogy of mine would add to their worth, although no doubt you will realize that more effectively when the dividend warrants are handed round. (Applause.) Let times be ever so good direction is as essential in the prosperous days as in the days of adversity and I think we can congratulate ourselves on having secured that in our Board, and I have much pleasure in asking you to join me in a vote of thanks to the men who have so succesfully and triumphantly piloted the ship of the Bank through the troubled financial waters of the past year. (Loud applause.)

The Chairman:—Thank you very much.

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The report for presentation to the shareholders at the fortieth ordinary meeting, to be held at the offices of the general managers, on Tuesday, March 9, at 12.30 o'clock states:—The general managers and consulting committee have pleasure in submitting to the shareholders the fortieth annual report of the company.

The 1907 account shows a profit of $330,232.90, which sum, subject to the approval of the shareholders, it is proposed to deal with as follows, viz.:—dividend of $27 per share, $216,000.00; addition to reserve fund, $114,232.90; total $330,232.90.

1908 Account.—The balance at credit of this account is $368,711.23.

Mortgages.—From the reports and valuations made by the company's surveyors, the general managers and consulting committee are satisfied that the properties held by the company form ample security for the advances made.

Consulting Committee.—In accordance with section 13 of the Articles of Association, Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs White, Maitland and Gubbay retire but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and H. Percy Smith, F.C.A.

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RAMBLING NOTES.

"Experiments on the resolution of dibenzylethylpropylisobutylsilicane sulphonic acid" was the title of one of the papers mentioned in the agenda for the Chemical Society's meeting at Burlington House on January 21.

We fancy Weary Willie flourishes everywhere, but he comes to finest perfection, I am told, in Australia, the land of sunshine and easy times. I can quite believe it, for the following story seems to wear an air of unmistakeable truth: In search of labourers a farmer of Shepparton (Victoria) drove eight miles to engage some men who were out of work. He found one of the group lying on his back sound asleep. Pinned to his chest was a card on which was written, "Please don't wake me—under 10s. a day."

The races for 1909 have come and gone For another year we close our race books and return to sober business. With the passing of the pageant of the ponies has gone the biggest social event of the spring in this Colony. There remains, however, the books of memory to draw upon, when extolling to future griffins the glories of the race meeting of 1909, describing how such and such a race was won in a canter or in another that victory was snatched at the post. How such and such a man pulled off a big sweep, while dozens left the course with barely enough to pay their tram fare. Truly we live largely in the past.

The meeting on the whole was highly successful. The weather clerk was in his most genial mood, while the racing was of the best, so what more could have been wished for? Dollars, I hear someone say; Yes, Well, there's something sensible in that remark, but someone must loose if others are to win is my philosophic reply. The scene inside the enclosure was most animated, all bustle and excitement, all eager to back their fancy. What lent an additional charm to the moving picture was the artistic creations of the ladies, who promenaded on the lawns in front of the stands clad in all the glories of most bewitching raiment. Truly at times I seemed to be moving in a parterre of flowers.

After the excitement of Race week we may well adopt the language of the Manila newspaper, which, at the end of the gay Carnival, pitifully exclaimed:—"Good Lord, We're Tired! And Broke!" Well yes, some of us are. Of course, I'm not referring to that lucky individual who bagged close on $8,000 in the Champion Stakes sweep. Oh, no: *he's* not broke. Or ought not to be. My word, how he was envied! After a series of more or less reckless "flutters" it was a case with many of wondering by what means they might raise sufficient funds to see them on to a tram-car, or to a rickshaw even. And, shameful to confess, one or two were actually seen *walking* home. Those who bravely struggled against fortune, buoyed up by recalling an adage which says something about "Nothing venture nothing have," were in many instances soon driven to realise that the converse is often equally true:—"*something* venture *nothing* have." But never mind, the Races come but once a year.

Is it a fact or a coincidence that since the announcement that the Clock Tower was to be demolished the electric light at the corner of Queen's Road and Pedder Street has been in a state of semi-darkness? What's the matter, I wonder? I expect it feels somewhat sorry at having to loose such an old friend, and as an experiment is trying to regulate its own time; but as it will be some years yet before the threat is carried into execution I think we might have the use of the light at the corner at night-time at least.

Pedder Street is practically in the hands of the contractors at present. The two new buildings for Jardine, Matheson and Co., and the Post Office, and the addition to the Hongkong hotel, when completed, will rank amongst the finest out East. They will be a decided architectural addition to the beauties of the Colony. The question is, when will they be finished? The Princely house, to my mind, will have its doors open long before those on the opposite side of the street, but then one is a private undertaking and the other is a Government concern—therein lies the difference.

The vacant plot of ground in Wyndham Street beside the Dairy Farm, has at last become respectable. It has taken the Afforestation Department a long time to waken to the fact that the place was in need of looking after. As it was the site was a disgrace to the locality, being used simply as a rubbish heap for the convenience of Chinese coolies and a playground for the streets urchins. Now, however, with the railing round the top and with small trees and palms planted here and there, the once "deserted village" shows signs of becoming, with the passage of years, an addition to the existing beauties of Glenealy.

There are some funny public notices to be read in this Colony, but they pale their ineffectual fires before the unconscious humour of the following notice, which is posted at a hostelry near Wilmslow, Cheshire, belonging to Mr H. P. Grey, J. P.

"I have given instructions that no one is to be served with more than two glasses of intoxicating liquor at a time.—H. P. Grey."

I am quite content with one glass at a time myself, but of course other folk may take their nourishment differently.

Though up to the present I have failed to sum up sufficient courage to attach myself to the noble army of Benedicts, still I am always interested at hearing or reading anything which throws light on the true relationship of those who enjoy, or otherwise, what by some has been described as "wedded bliss." It is a common enough experience to come across instances wherein the good wife is "taken off" by her lord and master, and occasionally one hears a retort from the other side. Such a one I have just hit upon, though in fairness to the perpetrator it should be added that there is every appearance that in this case it was unconsciously given. I'll give you the story for what it is worth.—The present Bishop of London, when Bishop of Stepney, once paid a visit of consolation to a poor woman in the East End who had lost her husband. She refused to be solaced, however. "Oh, my lord," she sobbed out, "'e wasn't like a usband—he was more like a friend." Husbands explain!

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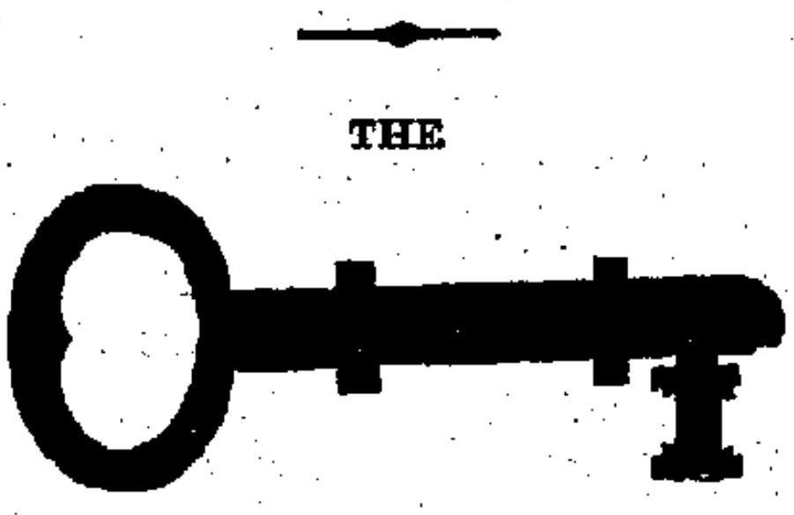

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Anthem..."Send out Thy Light"...Gounod
Solo..."All through the night"...Welsh air
Mrs G. H. Edwards, Miss Nicholson
Messrs Edwards, Biden, Crispen.
Piano solo..."Air and variations"...Miss Brotherton Harker
Carol..."In dulci jubelo" (1570)...Pearsall
Mrs Barrett, Miss Humphreys, Miss Seth, Mrs Main, Mrs Broughall, Mrs Goldsmith, Messrs Ayris, Matthews, White, Randall and Bides.
Evening hymn..."O gladsome light"...... Sullivan
Vocal polka..."Merry June"...C. Vincent
Miss Seth, Mrs Broughall.
Solo.........."Serenade"..........J. Busse
Mr E. B. Ayris.
Messrs White, Wright, Kempthorne, Armstrong.
Piano solo..."Ballade" (Opus 47)...Chopin
Mr Denman Fuller.
Quartet......"Sweet and Low"......Barnby
Mrs Edwards, Mrs Broughall Mr G. H. Edwards, Mr Randall.
Solo with chorus..."Little blue moon"... Talbot
Mrs Barrett.
Glee..."There was an old woman"...Jarvis
Mr L. Broughall and Mr C. Crispin.
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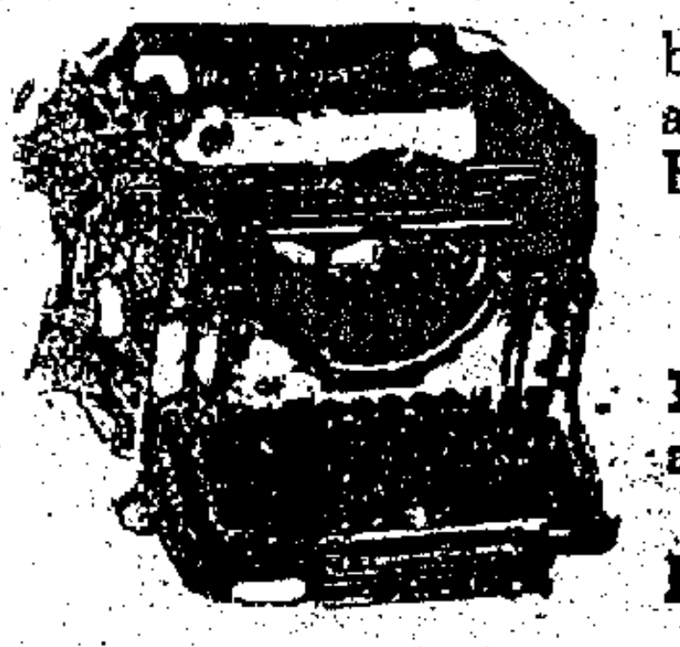

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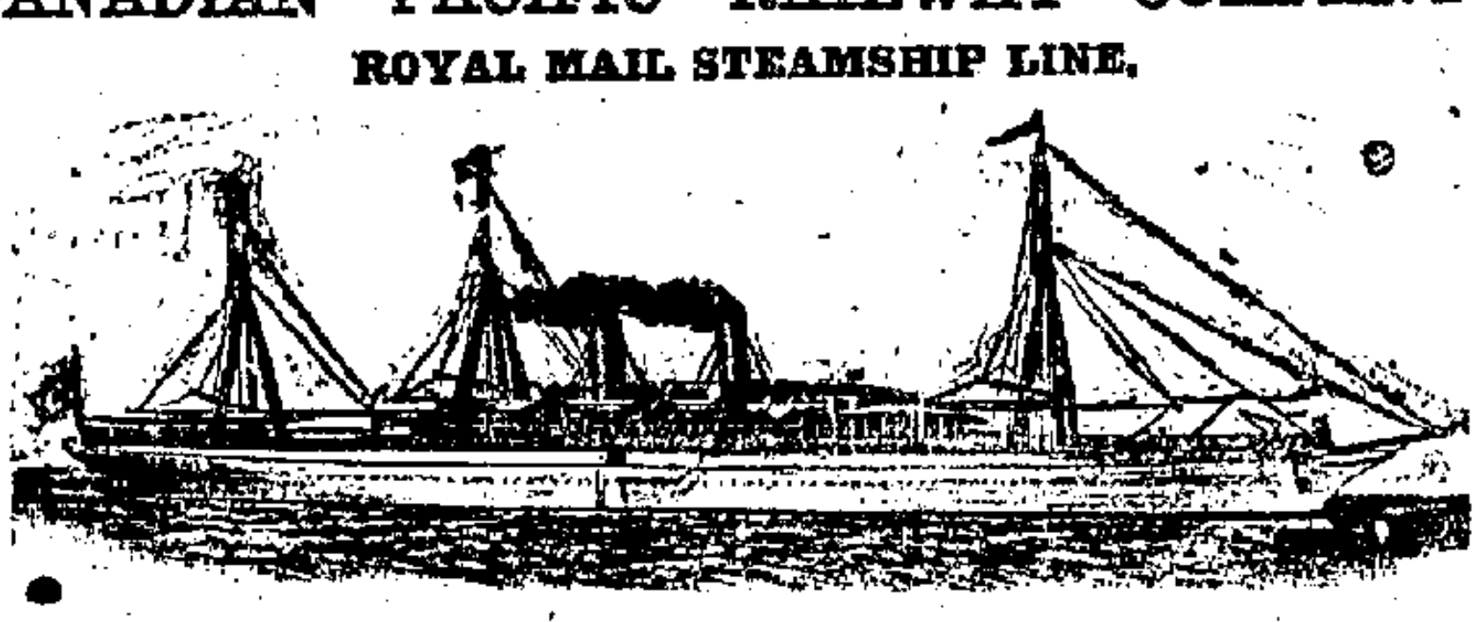

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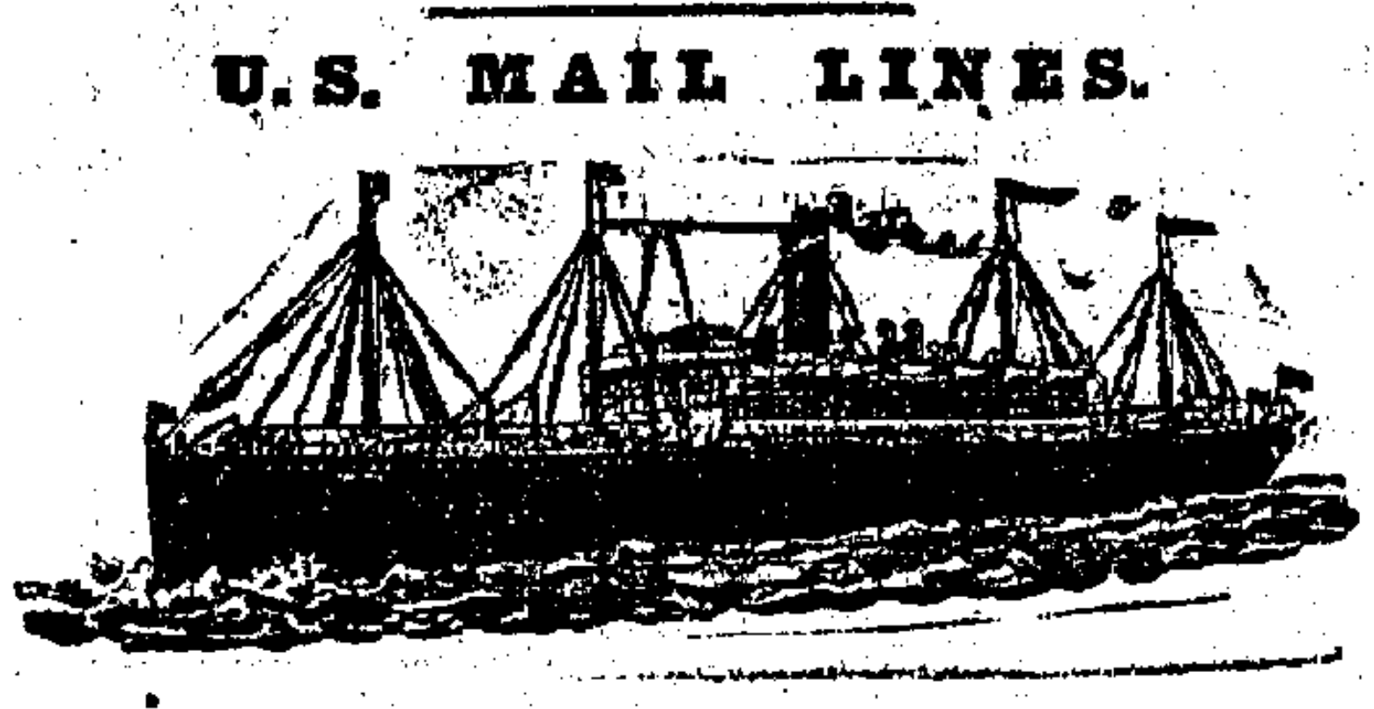

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STEAMERS to COLOMBO	TONS	Leave HONGKONG Noon Sat'day 1909	Connecting Steamers from COLOMBO to MARSEILLES & LONDON	TONS	Due at MARSEILLES (Brindisi 2 days earlier) Saturday, 1909	Due at PLYMOUTH (London 1 day later) Saturday, 1909
DELTA	8000	Mar. 6	CHINA	8000	April 3	April 10
MACEDONIA	10500	Mar. 20	(through steamer)		April 17	April 24
DELHI	8000	April 3	MALWA	11000	May 1	May 8
DEVANHA	8000	April 17	MONGOLIA	10000	May 15	May 22
ASSAYE	7500	May 1	MARMORA	10500	May 29	June 4
DELTA	8000	May 15	INDIA	8000	June 13	June 18
OCEANA	7000	May 29	VICTORIA	6500	June 27	July 3
DELHI	8000	June 12	MOOLTAN	10000	July 11	July 16

Passengers change steamers at COLOMBO, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID.

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In addition to the above Mail Steamers the following :—

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STEAMERS.	TONNAGE	Leave HONGKONG about		Due at LONDON about	
* MALTA	6000	Feb.	24	April	10
* NORE	7000	March	10	April	24
* PALAWAN	5000	March	24	May	9
* SUMATRA	5000	April	12	May	27
* PALMA	8000	April	21	June	6
* NUBIA	6000	May	5	June	19
PERA	8000	May	19	July	3
* SOMALI	7000	June	2	July	17

These steamers call also at Singapore, Penang, Colombo, and at Malta or Marseilles.

* Carry 1st and 2nd Saloon Passengers.

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TO AUSTRALIA.

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Hongkong, November 2, 1908. 1497

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STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJILIWONG	JAVA	First half of March.	JAPAN	First half of March.
TJIBODAS	JAPAN	Do.	JAPAN	Do.
TJIMAHI	JAVA	Do.	AMOY	Do.
TJILATJAP	JAVA	Second half of March.	SHANGHAI	Second half of March.
TJIKINI	JAVA	Do.	JAPAN	Do.
TJIPANAS	JAVA	First half of April.	SHANGHAI	First half of April.

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Hongkong, November 25, 1908. 1599

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THE Steamship
MONTGOMERYSHIRE,
will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 23rd February.

For Freight, etc., apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 27, 1909. 130

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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Captain RADONICICH, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 25th February.

This Steamer has capital accommodation for passengers, Electric Light and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & CO.,
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Prince's Buildings

Hongkong, January 25, 1909. 118

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The above-named Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo impeding discharge of the vessel will be discharged at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after Noon, MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1909, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All cargo undelivered FRIDAY, 26th February, 1909, at 12 Noon, will be subject to rent.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's Godowns on WEDNESDAY, 24th Feb., 1909, at 10 A.M.

S. SILVERSTONE,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 19, 1909. 250

AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL LINE.

STEAMSHIP *NORMAN PRINCE.*

FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named vessel are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ld., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th February, at 2.30 P.M.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th February will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 28th February, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 18, 1909. [illegible]

Notices to Consignees.

'MOGUL' LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP *MONTROSE.*

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 19th March, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL & Co., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 19, 1909. 244

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *BANCA.*

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 HOURS.

From PERSIAN GULF, ex s.s. B.I.S.N. & B. & P.S.N. Co.'s Steamers.

Goods not cleared by the 22nd inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 16, 1909. 238

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Vorwaerts,* having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risks, into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

This Steamer brings Cargo ...

From Trieste ex s.s. *Africa,* transhipped at Bombay.

From Venice ex s.s. *Metcovich,* transhipped at Port Said.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 24th February, 1909, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 24th February, 1909, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 17, 1909. 240

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER *TOURANE.*

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from LONDON ex s.s. *Medoc & Dordogne*; from BORDEAUX ex s.s. *Ville d'Arras,* in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 22nd February, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 22nd February, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, 22nd February, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. DE CHAMPMORIN,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 15, 1909. 229

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SOLE AGENTS

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL		$15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS— Sterling £1,500,000 @ 2/-	$15,000,000	
Silver	14,500,000	
		$29,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS		$15,000,000

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For 3 months 2½ per cent per annum.
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,, 12 ,, 4 ,, ,,

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 20, 1909. 63

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong January 12, 1907. 1517

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.

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PAID-UP CAPITAL	£1,200,000
RESERVE FUND	£1,525,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS	£1,200,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account the rate of 2 % per annum on the Daily balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 %
,, ,, ,, 6 ,, 3½ %
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JOHN ARMSTRONG,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 13, 1908. 64

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ.

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PAID-UP CAPITAL	...Fl. 45,000,000 (£3,750,000)
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The Bank buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, issues letters of credit on its Branches and correspondents in the East, on the Continent in Great Britain, America, and Australia, and transacts banking business of every description.

INTEREST ALLOWED

On Current Accounts 2% per Annum on daily balances.

Fixed Deposits	12 months	4½%	per Annum.
Do.	6 months	4 %	Do.
Do.	3 months	3½%	Do.

J. L. VAN HOUTEN, *Agent.*

Hongkong, July 17, 1908. 416

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL, PAID-UP	GOLD $3,250,000 about Mex. $7,222,222
RESERVE FUND	GOLD $3,250,000. about Mex. $7,222,222.

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For 3 ,, 3 per cent per annum.

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Banks

THE MERCHANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL	£1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED	£1,125,000
PAID UP	£ 562,500
RESERVE FUND	£ 210,000

BANKERS :
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS :—

For 12 months ....4 %
,, 6 ,, ...3½ %
,, 3 ,, ...2½ %

EVAN ORMISTON,
Manager.

Hongkong, April 23, 1908. 42

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL PAID-UP	Yen 24,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS	,, 15,100,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES :

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HONGKONG—Interest allowed.

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For 6 months..................4% ,,
For 3 months..................3% ,,

TAKEO TAKAMICHI
Manager.

Hongkong, September 12, 1908.

RUSSO-CHINESE BANK.

ORGANISED UNDER IMPERIAL DECREE OF 10TH DECEMBER, 1895.

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Tchita
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W. HARVEY JONES, *Manager.*
HONGKONG BRANCH :
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Hongkong, January 15, 1909.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

2.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m....Every 30 minutes.
7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m....Every 10 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m....Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m....Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS.

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.45 p.m., to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.

SUNDAYS.

8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m....Every 15 minutes.
9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m....Every 30 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m....Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m....Every 10 minutes.
11.45 a.m. to 12 Noon....Every 15 minutes.
12.00 Noon to 1.00 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m....Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SATURDAYS.

Extra Cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.

SPECIAL CARS by Arrangement at the Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, Des Vœux Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

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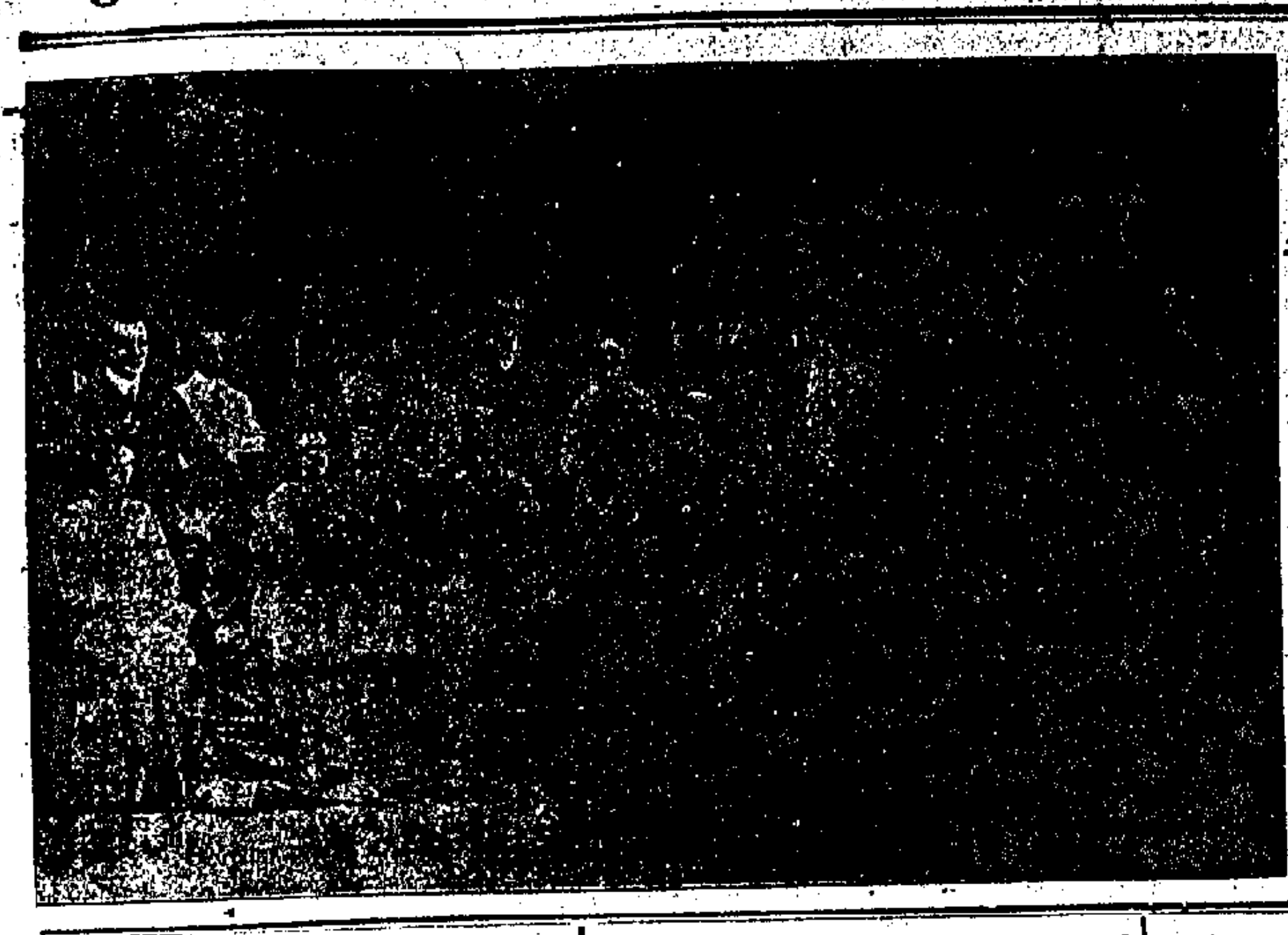

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which Open on the 27th on their return visit.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Annual Finance Committee Meeting.

At the Alice Memorial Hospital on Friday evening the Hon. Mr E. A. Irving, Registrar-General, presided over the annual meeting of the Finance Committee of the Alice Memorial Hospital, and the Ho Min Ling Hospital. Those present included Dr J. C. Thompson, Rev. W. Pearce, Rev. H. R. Wells, Messrs D. W. Craddock, A. Mackenzie, J. W. B. Bonnar, H. R. Phelips, S. W. Tso, Choa Leep Chee, Pun Yin Chun, the Hon Dr Ho Kai, and the secretary, Dr R. MacLean Gibson.

Mr Phelips, treasurer, explained the various items contained in the balance sheet, and said he regretted that he was compelled to resign his post. Shortly, he was going north on an annual tour, and on the termination of that tour he hoped to proceed on leave of absence. He regretted that he had been unable to give as much time as he would wish to the work of treasurer, but this was impossible owing to an increase of work in his own department. He felt grateful to Dr Gibson for the able assistance that gentleman had given him during the time he acted as treasurer. For about five months the doctor did practically all the work for him. He suggested as his successor Mr F. M. L. Crawford who, he was informed, had kindly consented to act for the ensuing year (Applause).

The Chairman proposed the adoption of the report.

Mr Choa Leep Chee seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Mr Phelips proposed the election of Mr Crawford for the position of treasurer in the ensuing year.

Mr Mackenzie seconded and the proposition was carried.

Mr J. W. C. Bonnar said he had much pleasure in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring treasurer, and he was sure that all regretted that he was going to leave them. Those present would wish him a pleasant time while on leave, and he believed that they were prepared to thank him for the work he had done, also Mr Wood who had audited the accounts.

Hon Mr E. A. Irving said it had given him great pleasure to occupy—he would not say to fill—the chair on the present occasion; all the more so, as it allowed him to study with more attention then he otherwise should have done, the very clear statement of accounts, and the very clear statement which accompanied them, both of which were embodied in the report. It appeared to him, judging from the figures and the statement given that the hospitals, if not in altogether flourishing condition, were at any rate proceeding on their course in a way that could not be considered otherwise than satisfactory. He noticed that the figures for new patients and indoor patients, as well as the figures for total attendance, were very much as they were last year. The revenue also remained about the same, about $10,000. These figures were in themselves not unsatisfactory, but it was obvious that a more permanent source of income was highly desirable. The part of the report which most particularly interested him was the maternity work. Speaking as Registrar-General, this seemed to him a work of supreme importance. He had been appointed by the Government chairman of the committee to report on the dumping practice, which was very prevalent in Hongkong. It pleased him to say, however, the habit had been vere largely checked. But it had been made quite plain that a very large percentage of the bodies thus cast away were bodies of premature birth—children who were thrown into the streets by the ignorance of parents and the incompetence of midwives. The work done by the eight midwives of this hospital was beyond praise; there were something like one thousand cases in which they had attended women outside, besides 200 in hospital. He thought, however, that there was an enormous work still to be done in the direction of leading Chinese to appreciate European midwifery, and he thought that this, as much as any, was a branch of work of the hospitals which deserved the fullest support of the Chinese. He felt that the Colony owed a debt of thanks in particular to Dr Sebree for the work she had done in this direction, and for other work of hers which had come to his notice in connection with the Po Leung Kuk (Applause). He thought the committee were unfortunate in losing the services of Mr Phelips, but was sure that all would wish him a pleasant trip to England. Certain new instruments were needed at the hospitals, but in view of the work alread done he was sure that it would not be necessary to do more than draw the attention of the Chinese and other fellow citizens to this fact.

The Rev. Wells proposed the re-election of the Hon. Mr Brewin as chairman for the ensuing year.

Hon. Dr Ho Kai seconded the motion, and trusted that Mr Irving would continue to act until the Chairman's return to the Colony.

The motion was carried unanimously, and Mr Irving consented to act as chairman.

The Rev. T. W. Pearce proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Irving for the good work he had done during the period he had acted as Chairman.

Hon. Mr Irving bowed his acknowledgment of the kind remarks and the meeting end.

The report of the Alice Memorial and Associated Hospitals was as follows:—During the year the medical work of the Hospitals has been well maintained. The total number of in-patients has been 1,0[illegible] compared with 1,063 in 1907; of out-patients, new cases [illegible] compared with [illegible] and of out-patient attendances 28,288 compared with 28,255. The decrease in the number of out-patients, individual cases, is probably due chiefly to the epidemic of Bubonic Plague during the summer months when many families left the Colony. The total surgical dressings in the out-patient departments have been 9,050, nearly double the number dressed in 1906. The increase is chiefly in the number of women and children attending; two Chinese nurses, under the supervision of the Matron, dress the women and children at the Alice Memorial Hospital in a room reserved as a dressing room. While economy is practised, good materials, wool, bandages, etc., are provided, and bearing in mind that the majority of the in-patients also require surgical dressings, a large annual expenditure is required to meet the needs of these cases. In the eye-department there have been treated, 1,508 out-patients (new cases), and of that number 801 were cases of Trachoma, 216 in-patients and 159 eye operations performed. Special eye cliniques are now held at the Alice Memorial Hospital on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m., at Nethersole Hospital on Saturdays at 11 a.m. and Yaumati Dispensary on Thursdays at 2.30 p.m. Outdoor visiting by the senior students under the supervision of the Superintendent will be begun in March, 1909. There are many patients unable to pay for medical attendance and too weak to attend at the outpatient room, who would be benefitted by being visited in their own homes. Patients residing in an area within the following limits, N. Praya, S Caine Road, E. Wyndham Street and Pedder Street. W. Cleverly Street and Tank Lane, who send in their names before 10 a.m., will be visited the same day. The Alice Memorial Maternity Hospital was opened in June, 1904, and year by year there has been a steady increase in the number of patients treated. The Government provides maintenee for six pupil-midwives who, after completion of two years training in the Maternity Hospital, are examined and their names entered in the Government Register. Eight Chinese midwives have already been placed at various centres in the Colony, and working under the supervision of Dr Sibree, have this year attended 1,033 cases. The total number of midwifery cases in the Maternity Hospital since the opening has been 419, cases attended at homes by pupil-midwives 233, and cases attended by the Government Midwives 1825, making a total of 2,477 midwifery cases treated. It is very gratifying to those who by their generosity made such work possible, that the hospital and those trained there, have so quickly gained the confidence of the Chinese women. Miss Stewart has had five nurses in the Nethersole Hospital. The nurses chosen have all had a fair Chinese education, so that they are able to read elementary books on Physiology, and Midwifery. When training of nurses was begun fifteen years ago by the late Mr Stevens, it was very difficult to obtain women willing to undertake such work but now we have many applicants as vacancies occur. Twenty-seven students attended the College of Medicine and five received their Diplomas. Two of these, Mr Wong Chung Yik and Mr Sea Foon, have proceeded to Edinburgh University to continue their medical studies; both are men of ability and good character and we have every confidence that they will do credit to the Hongkong College of Medicine.

The income for the year has been, general donations, $9,996.03, special donations $1,055, Hospital Sunday $676.74, and the total income (including interest on invested funds) $14,442.55. The working expenses of the hospitals have been curtailed as much as possible, but a debit balance of $1,351 remains to be cleared off during 1909. The hospitals require many new surgical instruments and fittings and we trust that we may soon be in a position to bring our surgical equipment up to the needs of modern surgery. We have specially to thank Mr Chan Chek U and Mr Chan Kung U for generously bearing the cost of installing electric light and fitting for the X Rays apparatus into all the hospitals, Dr G. M. Harston for special donation, and Mrs Gibson, Paisley, for the proceeds of a sale of work, to provide X Rays. The total amount necessary for an X Rays outfit is in hand and Dr J. MacIntyre of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary is selecting the most recent apparatus obtainable. Many friends at Home and in the Colony have sent us gifts of bandages, materials for clothing, etc., which are acknowledged later in the report. We would also to express our thinks to Hon. A. W. Brewin, Hon. E. A. Irving, Mr Chau Siu Ki, Mr H. R. Phelips, Hon. Treasurer, and Mr David Wood, Auditor, for their willing help in financial matters; and to Drs Jordan, Noble, Forsyth and Belilios for assistance in medical work.

The report on the Alice Memorial Hospital stated:—Work in the Maternity Hospital during 1908 has been marked by a steady increase in numbers as may be seen from the figures. We attended in the year 1908 202 cases as against 126 in 1907. That the cases attended by us outside should be fewer is not surprising, the staff of Government midwives having increased from 6 to 8. Patients on the other side of the harbour who used to send for us, now send for midwives recently settled on that side. The hospital also has become better known and patients are more willing to come in. Our patients are found amongst all classes of the community, including the boat people and several times we have been on board junks and sampans. The hospital serves as a training school for midwives and during the year we have had seven women as pupils. They attend regular classes and see all the cases in hospital. One passed the Government examination in June and is now in Yaumati and two others passed in November. As regards the evangelistic work our great difficulty is that patients are willing to stay such a very short time in hospital that they are able to learn very little. Where longer stay has been necessary the patients have been much more cheering. One woman who was in hospital very ill for six weeks used to ask me to pray with her and seemed to understand much of the doctrine taught her. On reaching hospital she received further teaching and was baptised. Other women whom we have been able to keep for longer periods have been glad to read the books lent them and although we are unable to follow up many of them when they leave hospital, we trust some do carry away some knowledge of the good news. The Government midwives whose work has been superintended from the hospital have had a very busy year. 1033 cases attended as against 581 last year is an indication of the way their services are being appreciated. We hope that the few cases of puerperal fever in the Colony last year is one of the results of their work.

CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 1909.

St. John's Cathedral.

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.)
Matins (11 a.m.) (Full Choir).
Responses, Ferial; Venite, Barnby; Psalms, of the 21st morning; Te Deum, Smart in F; Jubilate, Ouseley; Anthem, "O Saviour of the World"—Goss.
Holy Communion (12-noon).
Kyrie, Baker in F; Hymns, 535 and 255.
N.B.—Psalm 105, Verses 1, 2, 7, 8, 32, 33, 34 and 44 in unison.
Evensong (5.45 p.m).
Responses, Ferial; Psalm, of the 21st evening; Magnificat, Goss (7th even.); NuncDimittis, Woodward (14th even.); Hymns, 267, 536, and 230.

UNION CHURCH, KENNEDY ROAD.

11 a.m.—Worship. Hymns, 379, 234, 191, Chant 55, Magnificat (E. Burnett).
5.30.—Singing Hymns by choice.
6 p.m.—service made special for Naval men and all seafarers. Hymns 5 7, 44, 615, 193, Anthem 'the Radiant Morn' (H. H. Woodward).
Thursday 9 p.m.—Longfellow evening at Literary Club, conducted by Dr A. P. Wilder, Life-sketch. Selections of Works. Open to the public.
Friday 8 p.m.—Christian Endeavour Society. Social evening.

St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road West.

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11 a.m.
Venite, Barnby; Psalms, Smart &c.: Te Deum, Woodward; Hymns, 156, 172, 185, 229; Kyrie.
Holy Communion 12.15.
Evening Prayer 6.30.
Gloria; Magnificat, Robinson; Nunc Dimittis, Alcock; Hymns, 157, 199, 274, 280; Kyrie.

The Church launch "Dayspring," will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m. and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 10.30 and 6), returning afterwards. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books &c., provided.

Sunday School 10—10.45 a.m.

St Andrew's, Kowloon.

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

The Rev. Mr Dallas Ennis, Chaplain of the Forces will officiate at 11 a.m. Service and at the Holy Communion at Noon. Hymns Nos. 16, 249, 357, 441.
The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will conduct the Children's Service at 3 p.m., and preach at the evening service at 6 p.m. Hymns Nos. 25, 307, 389, 397.

Services on Sundays are:—
Holy Communions on 1st 3rd and 5th Sundays of month at noon.
" " 2nd and 4th at 8 a.m.
Morning prayer and sermon:—at 11 a.m.
Evening prayer and sermon:—at 6 p.m.
Children's Services, on 3rd Sundays of the month at 3 p.m.
Sunday School at 3 p.m. on other Sundays of the month.

Peak Church.

Holy Communion:—8 a.m.

German Chapel (Deutsche Kapelle) Highstr. 1.

German Service at 11 a.m. Pastor Johannes Müller.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Arsenal Street.

3. p.m.—Pleasant Sunday afternoon.
8 p.m.—Gospel Song Service.

Wesleyan Naval and Military Church, Wanchai

Morning Service at 10.15.
Evening Service at 6.

Deutsche Kirche.

Gottendienst:—um 11 Uhr. in Bethesd Kapelle, Caine Road.

Christian Science Services.

ZETLAND STREET,
Off Queen's Road Central.

Regular Services, Sundays, 11.15 a.m. Wednesdays, 5.30 p.m. The Reading Room at the same address will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and from 3 p.m. to 5.45 p.m.

St Joseph's Church.

Mass, Sermon (English) and Benediction at 10 a.m.

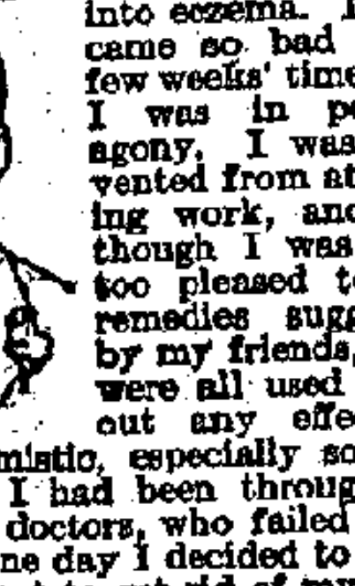
Rosary Church, Kowloon.

In future there will be two Divine Services in the Rosary Church, Kowloon, on Sundays and Obligation days; First Mass at [illegible] Second Mass at [illegible] followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

MANY WEEKS OF PERFECT AGONY

With Eczema on Arm and Legs—Could Scarcely Sleep for Months—Tried Many Treatments Without Result—Did Not Work for 11 Weeks—Relieved in Ten Days and

COMPLETELY CURED BY TWO SETS OF CUTICURA



"My trouble began with irritation on the legs and right arm which developed into eczema. It became so bad in a few weeks' time that I was in perfect agony. I was prevented from attending work, and, although I was only too pleased to try remedies suggested by my friends, they were all used without any effect. I became pessimistic, especially so considering that I had been through the hands of two doctors, who failed to do any good. One day I decided to make another attempt to get rid of my complaint and purchased a full set of Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, and Cuticura Pills, and in ten days I found the irritation disappearing. I would not have believed it possible for any remedy to afford such comfort in so short a time. I was able to sleep at night—a thing which I had not been able to do for months—and in the course of another week there were unmistakable signs of the eczema being mastered. I persevered with Cuticura, and in six weeks, using two supplies, I was cured. I have every reason to be grateful to Cuticura, for I was able to return to work after eleven weeks' idleness. George Harrison, Poole Terrace, nr. South Milford, Yorkshire, June 11, 1907."

Send to nearest depot for free Cuticura Book on Treatment of Skin Diseases.

For pimples, blackheads, red, rough, and oily skins, dandruff, dry, thin, falling hair, shaving, shampooing, sanative, antiseptic cleansing and for the toilet, bath, and nursery Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment are unequalled.

Complete External and Internal Treatment for Every Humour of Infants, Children, and Adults consists of Cuticura Soap to Cleanse the Skin, Cuticura Ointment to Heal the Skin, and Cuticura Resolvent or Cuticura Resolvent Pills (Chocolate Coated) to Purify the Blood. A Single Set often Cures. Sold throughout the world. Depots: London, 27, Charterhouse Sq.; Paris, 5, Rue de la Paix; Australia, R. Towns & Co., Sydney; South Africa, Lennon, Ltd., Cape Town, etc.; U. S. A., Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

To-day's Advertisements

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

TENDERS for SPECIE, BRITISH and MEXICAN DOLLARS, current in this Colony, in Exchange for Sterling Bills drawn at 10 days' sight on the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, London, will be received by the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER ARMY PAY DEPARTMENT, until 11 A.M. on the 23rd February, 1909.

The Tenders to state the total amount (in Pounds Sterling) and the amount for which each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be issued for less than £100.

The Tenders to be in Duplicate, and in Sealed Covers, addressed to the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, ARMY PAY DEPARTMENT, and endorsed 'TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS.'

The right to accept or reject any or all of the tenders is reserved.

Copies of Forms of tender can be had on application.

H. D. STACPOLE,
Lt.-Col., A.P.D.,
Treasury Chest Officer.

His Majesty's Treasury Office,
Hongkong, February 20, 1909. 254

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned at 12.30 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 9th March.

The TRANFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd inst. to the 9th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, February 20, 1909. 253

THE...

DAIRY FARM Co.,

Limited.

Reduction in Prices of Australian Butter

From 1st February, 1909.

'Buttercup' Brand ....73 cts. per lb.
'Dairy maid' Brand.............75 cts. "
'Daisy' Brand ....69 cts. "

Sold in ½ and ½ lbs. pats to suit customers.

Hongkong, May 2, 1908. 96

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Oregon

Apples

ANOTHER LARGE SHIPMENT JUST ARRIVED.

H. RUTTONJEE & SON,
HONGKONG & KOWLOON.

Hongkong, February [illegible], 1909.

To-day's Advertisements

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

Notice of Receiving Orders and First General Meetings of Creditors.

No. 19 of 1908.

Re The KWONG YAT CHEUNG Firm lately carrying on business at No. 182, Wellington Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Merchants.

Receiving Order dated the 18th day of February, 1909.

Petition dated the 28th day of July, 1908.

SATURDAY, the 27th day of February, 1909, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon precisely, has been fixed for the First General Meeting of Creditors in the above Matter, to be held at the Supreme Court House, Victoria aforesaid, in the Small Court.

No. 4 of 1909.

Re The KAM CHEUNG Firm lately carrying on business at No. 42, Des Voeux Road West, Victoria aforesaid, Dealers in Chinese Stationery.

Receiving Order dated the 18th day of February, 1909.

Petition dated the 4th day of February, 1909.

SATURDAY, the 27th day of February, 1909, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon precisely, has been fixed for the First General Meeting of Creditors in the above Matter, to be held at the Supreme Court House, Victoria aforesaid, in the Small Court.

No. 5 of 1909.

Re LI HIM KUK lately trading as KU SANG at No. 46, Praya East, 1st Floor, Victoria aforesaid, Merchant and Commission Agent.

Receiving Order dated the 18th day of February, 1909.

Petition dated the 5th day of February, 1909.

SATURDAY, the 27th day of February, 1909, at 12 o'clock at Noon precisely, has been fixed for the First General Meeting of Creditors in the above Matter, to be held at the Supreme Court House, Victoria aforesaid, in the Small Court.

No Creditor can vote unless he previously proves his debt.

Forms of Proof and Proxy can be obtained at the Official Receiver's Office during office hours.

At the First General Meeting, the Creditors will be asked to consider whether the Debtors shall be adjudged Bankrupt or whether they, the Creditors, will entertain a proposal for a Composition or Scheme of Arrangement.

Dated this 19th day of February, 1909.

G. H. WAKEMAN,
Official Receiver.

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HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

FLOWER SHOW.

IN THE BOTANIC GARDENS.

FRIDAY, 26th FEBRUARY:
Open 2 P.M. to 6 P.M., Admission $1.
Mrs MAY has kindly consented to distribute the Prizes at 5 P.M.
SATURDAY, 27th FEBRUARY:
Open 10.30 A.M. to 3 P.M., Admission 50 cents.
3 P.M. to 6 P.M., Admission 20 cents.
Children Half-price.

Tea will be obtainable on the grounds.

By kind permission of Major Evans and Officers, the Band of the 13th Rajputs will play on both days from 2.30 to 6 P.M.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from W. E. CLARKE, Esq., to sell by Public Auction,

on

FRIDAY,

the 26th February, 1909, at 2 P.M., within his Residence, 'ABERGELDIE,' The Peak.—

SUNDRY VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising:—

SILK TAPESTRY-COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, an Assortment of CARVED CANTON BLACKWOOD WARE, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, DINNER WAGGON, TEAKWOOD SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, SINGLE IRON BEDSTEADS with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, TEAKWOOD WARDROBES and DRESSING TABLES with BEVELLED GLASS, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, CARPETS, RUGS, GLASS, CROCKERY and E.-P. WARE, PICTURES, COOKING STOVE and UTENSILS, &c.;

Also

One IRON SAFE by Milners, One SEMI GRAND PIANO by Haake and One TENNIS NET and POLES, &c., &c.

On View on Thursday, the 25th instant.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—As usual,

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

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'SHIRE' LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBOROUGH, LONDON, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
FLINTSHIRE,

Captain G. C. GUNDY, R.N.R. having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD., at KOWLOON, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on FRIDAY, the 26th inst., at 3 P.M.

All Claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 20, 1909. [illegible]

To-day's Advertisements

FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship *DELTA*, Captain B. W. H. SNOW, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 6th March, 1909, at NOON, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's Steamship *China*, 8,000 tons, from Colombo, Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay by the R.M.S. *Arabia*, due in London on the 16th April, 1909.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

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STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

February 12, *Indrawadi, Hyson.*

February 16, *Monmouthshire, Istria, Sumatra, Lothian, Siam.*

February 19, *Erzherzog, Franz Ferdinand, Prinz Eitel Friedrich, Bingo Maru, Telemachus, Kanagawa Maru, Prinz Ludwig.*

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

February 19. *Meinam, Dardanus, Tonkin.*

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

Mails.

The Imp. German Mail s.s. *Kleist* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 27th January, left Colombo on Monday, the 15th Feb., p.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 26th February.

The Imp. German Mail s.s. *Prinz Waldemar* left Sydney on Tuesday, the 9th February, at 3 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 3rd March.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of China* arrived at Nagasaki at 8 a.m. on Thursday, the 18th February, and left again at 4 p.m. the same day for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 6 p.m. on Friday, the 19th February.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Glenfarg* left Vancouver on Wednesday, the 17th Feb., a.m.

Expected.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Tokushi Maru* (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on the 14th Feb., and is expected here on the 21st Feb.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Kaga Maru* (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 13th February, and is expected here on the 22nd February.

The H. A. L. s.s. *Illyria* left Singapore on the 18th February, at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on the 25th February, p.m.

The T. K. K. s.s. *Chiyo Maru* sailed from Yokohama on the 19th Feb., and is due to arrive at this port via Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 28th February.

The Indo-China S. N. Co. Ld.'s s.s. *Kumsang* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 15th February, and may be expected here on or about the 4th March.

The s.s. *Kutsang* from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 18th February.

The s.s. *Gymeric* sailed from Puget Sound for Hongkong via Japan ports on the 25th January.

The E. & A. steamer *Empire* left Sydney on 13th February for Queensland Ports, Timor, Manila and this port.

The s.s. *Dacre Castle* left Singapore for this port on the 13th February.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Ceylon Maru* (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 11th February, and is expected here on the 4th March.

The Ben Line steamer *Benvenue* from Middlesbro, Antwerp and London, left Singapore on the 14th Feb., for this port.

Latest Advices.

The s.s. *Glamorganshire* left Singapore on 19th February, at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on the 26th February.

The s.s. *Zafiro* left Manila on Saturday, the 20th February, and is due here on or about Monday, 22nd Feb., at 6 p.m.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, February 20, 1909.

On London—	
Bank Wire	1/8⅛
" On demand,	1/8¼
" 30 days' sight	1/8⅜
" 4 months' sight	1/8⅝
Credits, 4 months' sight,	1/9
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/9⅛
On Paris—	
On demand,	218
Credits, 4 months' sight,	222
On Berlin—	
On demand,	177
On New York—	
On demand,	42⅛
Credit, 60 days' sight,	43⅛
On Bombay—	
Wire,	129¾
On demand,	130¼
On Calcutta—	
Wire,	129¾
On demand,	13[illegible]
On Singapore—	
On demand,	74⅜
On Manila—	
On demand,	84⅜
On Shanghai—	
On demand,	74⅝
30 days sight, (private paper)	75¼
On Yokohama—	
On demand,	84⅜
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)	[illegible]
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$11.40
Silver (per oz.)	23[illegible]
Bar Silver in Hongkong	[illegible]
Chinese Copper Cash	[illegible]
Copper Cents	[illegible]
Rate of Native Interest	[illegible]
Chinese Sub. Coin	[illegible]
Hongkong Sub. Coin	[illegible]

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

February 19.

Manchuria, American str., 8,750, D. E. Friele, San Francisco January 23, and Shanghai Feb. 17, Mails and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.

Chipshing, British steamer, 1,199, F. Mooney, Wakamatsu Feb. 14, Coal for Canton.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Idomeneus, British str., 4,250, H. Nish, Amoy Feb. 18, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Bandai Maru, Japanese steamer, 2,000, T. Miyasaki, Moji February 13, Coal.—NISHISAWA Co.

Taikosan Maru, Japanese str., 3,217, Yamasuki, Moji Feb. 14, Coal.—MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

Flintshire, British steamer, 2,473, C. E. Candy, London Dec. 23, and Singapore Feb. 13, General.—SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Admiral Borresen, Norwegian str., 2,621, Winsnes, Kutchinotzu February 13, Coal.—WALLEM & Co.

Catherine Apcar, British steamer, 1,730, P. W. Williams, Calcutta and Straits Feb. 2, General.—DAVID SASSOON Co., LD.

Hunan, British steamer, 1,142, Benson, Weihaiwei Feb. 13, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

February 20.

Empress of India, British steamer, 3,032, E. Beetham, R.N.R., Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 28, and Shanghai Feb. 17, Mails and General.—C. P. R. Co.

Hitachi Maru, Japanese str., 4,613 F. E. Cope, London and Singapore Feb. 14, General.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Taiyuan, British str., 1,459, L. Dawson, Sydney Jan. 28, Sleepers and General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Loongsang, British steamer, 1,092, S. J. Payne, Iloilo Feb. 15, Sugar.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Fukura Maru, Japanese str., 1,946, S. Kumawachi, Moji Feb. 13, Coal.—MITSU BISHI GOSHI KWAISHA.

Gryfevale, British steamer, 2,846, Steel, Newcastle Jan. 25, and Port Kembla 28, Coal.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Kageshima Maru, Japanese str., 3,373, T. Arakawa, Moji Feb. 14, Coal.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

DEPARTURES.

February 19.

Rubi, for Manila.
Norman Prince, for Shanghai.

February 20.

Britannia, for Europe, &c.
Delta, for Shanghai.
Simongan, for Amoy.
Mathilde, for Haiphong.
Roma, for Saigon.
Germania, for Hongay.
Rajah, for Bangkok.
Ragnar, for Tamsui.
Chinhua, for Amoy.
Japan, for Singapore.
Chowtai, for Swatow.
Idomeneus, for Singapore and Liverpool.
Montrose, for Shanghai.
Sultan, for Yokohama.
Leopard, Austrian-Hungarian cruiser, for Home.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Manchuria*, from San Francisco, &c., Mrs J. S. Arwine, Master John Arwine, Mr J. W. Bell, Mr and Mrs G. W. Crooks, Messrs T. F. Crowley, S. S. Fester, J. L. Garrison, C. T. Howard, F. A. Hollabaugh, W. L. McVey, Mr and Mrs G. S. Montgomery, Miss C. Montgomery, Mr H. J. Merse, Rev. C. H. Newton, Mrs J. Paton, Master W. C. Paton, Mr C. J. Plomondon, Mr and Mrs F. L. Sawyer, Master G. E. Sawyer, Mrs M. C. Simpson, Miss Simpson, Mr H. D. Warner, Mr and Mrs Van Praag, Prof. John Frye, Mr H. R. Holmes, Miss C. Streblow, Miss F. Adkins, Mr and Mrs F. W. McClellan, Mrs H. R. Van Tine, Mr S. A. Watson, Mr F. G. Wallace, Mr and Mrs P. S. Moon, Mrs A. M. Moon, Miss C. F. Waldo, Major and Mrs G. H. Sands, Mrs E. F. Graft, Mr F. Kraft, Mr H. E. Daunt, Ms Ellis Ezra and servant, Miss F. Ezra, Mr T. F. Chye and two children, Master Chye Joe, Mr A. Brantdmar, and Mrs John Frye.

Per *Taiyuan*, from Sydney, &c., Capt. and Mrs G. B. McGill, Mr Spedding, Mrs Cole, Mrs Garratt, Mrs Collis and 4 children, Miss E. James, Messrs Trembell, Truer, Bishop, Spedding, and Captain Lanbach, U.S.A.

Per *Hitachi Maru*, from London, &c.: for Hongkong, Mr and Mrs Paterson and child, Messrs C. Fry, G. Datema, S. Nakajima, Mr and Mrs Wm. Turwin and 2 children, Mr A. J. Capham, Mrs M. Konig, Mr and Mrs P. Clausen, and Mrs F. MacIlroy.

Per *Empress of India*, for Hongkong: from Vancouver, Mr A. G. Crane, Mr F. Walker, Mr and Mrs C. S. Salmon, and Mr L. Cavanagh; from Yokohama, Mr Wm. T. Payne, Capt. and Mrs Dundas; from Shanghai, Messrs W. J. Baillie, C. D. Silas, A. Babington, L. Knox, S. J. Kendall, C. N. Edge, Mrs Cavanagh and 4 children.

DEPARTED.

Per *Britannia*, for London, &c., Capt. Erskine, Sergt. Kent and family, Mr and Mrs Dymond and family, Messrs Alexander, W. B. Wilson, D. Freeman, Hayward, Pollock, C. G. Deane, Melbye, Parratt, Bryant, Crichton, Yoder, Ryan and Ross.

Per *Yawata Maru*, for Manila and Australia, Col. J. C. Pottinger, Mr and Mrs H. B. Pond, Mr and Mrs A. Zimelman, Mr H. W. Newman, Mr M. Custodio T. Reyes, Miss M. Wolfson, Mrs C. B. D. Custodo and child, Messrs Francis Ponce, Manuel Donato, F. Arenas Perez, W. J. Oldham, A. Faggart, Dr. H. Muller, Mr G. Gareltine, Mr and Mrs H. Walters, Lieut. Colonel Caviglia, Messrs W. B. Bragg, F. W. Brook, A. Wingrove, Miss Diamond, Miss Montez, and Mr F. Domingo.

Per *Rubi*, for Manila, Mr J. J. Schittler, Miss J. S. Jackson, Dr. H. O. Sommer, Messrs A. J. Radford and M. C. Thompson.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

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For SWATOW.—
Per *Haimun*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 21st Feb.

For KOBE & YOKOHAMA.—
Per *Hitachi Maru*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 21st Feb.

For SINGAPORE, COLOMBO & BOMBAY.—
Per *Kageshima Maru*, at 11 a.m., on Sunday, the 21st Feb.

For TAKAO.—
Per *Taikosan Maru*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 21st Feb.

For SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.—
Per *Flintshire*, at 11 a.m., on Monday, the 22nd Feb.

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